

DON'T WORSHIP LIKE A FOOL

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

OUTLINE

1. A fool speaks much before God, and listens little.
2. A fool promises much to God, and does little.
3. A fool does not fear God.

REVIEW

READ Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

OBSERVE

1. How does Ecclesiastes describe the worship of a fool (1-6)?
2. What is the solution to foolish worship (7)?
3. What does it mean to fear God? How does someone who fears God act (Deuteronomy 10:12-13)?

INTERPRET

1. What false beliefs about self and false beliefs about God lead to foolish worship?
2. How does Jesus correct those false beliefs through his teaching and actions?
3. How does Jesus empower proper worship (Hebrews 12:26-29)?

ASSESS

1. When have you worshiped foolishly? How did that worship impact your life?
2. God has given us many ways to hear him (the Bible, worship and preaching at church, Small Group, and other believers). How do you engage with these resources so you are actually listening to God?
3. Think back to a time you listened to God. What did he say, what did you do, and how did it turn out?
4. When you think of fearing God, what comes to mind? Why do you think of the fear of the Lord that way?
5. When have you experienced a healthy fear of God? How did a healthy fear of God impact your life? How does fear of God affect the life you're living today?

NOTES

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Weekly Reading Plan

Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Psalms 91
Isaiah 6
Acts 5 & 9
Hebrews 12

MUTUAL MINISTRY

HOW DID YOUR PLAN GO?

APPLY

1. Are there any ways in which you have been worshiping like a fool? How can you prepare differently for worship next week so you don't worship like a fool?
2. Meditate on Deuteronomy 10:12-13 throughout the week. Make note of how the fear of God is impacting the way you live.
3. What steps can you take this week to grow in the fear of God?
4. Practice listening to God as you open your Bible this week. Plan to read your Bible at least 5 days this week. Begin and end your time with a prayer to God in which you ask him, "What are you saying to me through your Word, and how do you want me to respond?"
5. Are there any other steps of obedience God is calling you to from the sermon?

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We are a group of people growing together to be more like Jesus by loving one another ... forgiving one another ... serving one another ... submitting to one another ... being devoted to one another ... encouraging one another ... and living on God's mission.