

There is Nothing Above Worship

1 Kings 3:1-15

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Shining Star's motto for 2019 is "Win in Worship, Win in Life; Heal your Worship, Heal your Life." The reason today's church is not doing well is because of their worship. Our worship of God has to come before everything else. If we only give God the leftovers of our offerings and the leftovers of our time, we will never experience the miracles of God.

The main point of the Christian faith is to give God praise and glory. It is through worship we meet God, it is through worship we honor and place our hearts in the right place. God trained the Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years to worship and put God first in their lives. This is why Early Morning Prayer is so important. God spent 40 years training and reversing the mindsets of the Israelites from people who worshipped and praised at night to people who gave of their offering and praise in the very beginning of the morning.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. (Mark 1:35)

It is not easy to change our habits, but when we put God first and worship His name from the very beginning of our day, our lives will change. We will win in our life and we will heal our life too.

Solomon continued his worship

Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. (1 Kings 3:3)

When it says he walked according to the instructions given by David, Solomon showed that he was continuing on the habitual worship that was started by His father.

Solomon always put the church first

Solomon's desire and his first priority was making the temple. He always did what God wanted first, and then he focused on the nation or himself.

So why do we need to focus on worship?

There are many times in our lives when opportunities do not open. There are times when doors will close. It is during these times when we get frustrated and upset. But the way to overcome and thrive in these situations that seem hopeless is by clinging on to the Lord. And the way you lean and trust in Him is by worshipping Him.

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. (2 Corinthians 10:4)

Worship is able to turn an average person into one of faith. Solomon was not a particularly great man from the beginning. He wasn't the oldest son of David, and he was born from an affair. And yet he asked for God more than anything else, and he was blessed because of it. He did not put money or fame or knowledge above God, he asked that he would be wise.

But Solomon forgot to put worship first later in his life. Although he started well, he ended poorly. And the reason why was because he allowed others to determine his path and his priorities instead of putting his worship with God first.

Look in your life and see what is taking the place of worship with God. God may be calling out to you, but the things of this world may be louder in your mind. Do you children take priority over God? Does your job take priority over God? As we begin 2019, let us put God first above everything else.

SHARING-----

1. When was the most powerful time of worship that you have had? Did it heal something inside of you?
2. Is worship the first priority for you? Please look back on your life and see whether that is something you can say is true.
3. If your worship falls, your life will fall apart. What will you do in 2019 to make sure you place worship first?