

Application:

Read: Luke 12:22-34

In this context, in what way is God every bit the provider for New Testament believers as he was for Israel?

Can you mention several other ways?

Again, how does this change your love connection with God?

5. True worship always acknowledges the majesty of God.

Read: 5:13-15

Comment: In the question and answer conversation between Joshua and the “captain of the Lord’s host,” Joshua learned that God is not available to serve the whims, needs, or desire of Israel. Instead, Israel is the servant of God. In response, Joshua removed his sandals because he was on holy ground (recall Moses on Mt. Sinai).

Once Joshua recognized the very presence of the Lord, he fell quickly into humility...as he should. This is the proper act of worship regarding the majesty of God: his authority, his splendor, his supreme position and exaltation.

Application:

Read: Revelation 1

How did John the Apostle respond to the presence of Christ?

How is this an act of worship?

How can this attitude be a part of our lives moment by moment?

What causes us to miss this aspect of worship?

What do you need to do to personally come more into the position and attitude of Joshua and John.

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Courageous Faith Begins and Ends
With Worship With Wisdom
Joshua 5 and 6

As we wrap up the Preparation portion of Joshua (chapters one through five) and enter into the Execution of the Conquest portion (chapters 6 through 24) , we have one more major lesson to learn about how God moves his people into victory...and it has nothing to do with skills and everything to do with worship.

1. True worship always credits God for the victory.

Read: Joshua 5:1

Comment: The kings of Canaan were already defeated in their hearts...this was the work of God, not Joshua and the Israelis. For Joshua and the Israelis having this information would bolster their confidence of Yahweh.

Application:

Read: 1 Corinthians 15. Notice verses 56-58.

How does having a knowledge of this guaranteed victory change your perspective of God?

How does having a knowledge of this guaranteed victory move you emotionally?

How can you incorporate this “heart knowledge” into your moment by moment awareness?

Read: 1 John 5:3-6 (check the context)

What is the victory that is offered to believers by God?

Notice the phrase, “Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.”
How does this define the victory believers are guaranteed?

How does this change your attitude toward God?

How should this change your daily living?

2. True worship always identifies a believer with God.

Read: Joshua 5:2-9

Comment: Obedience to circumcision for the Israelis was their restoration back to complete identification with Yahweh. It was the outward sign of the covenant made between God and Abraham and later God and Moses. It was a way of demonstrating allegiance to Yahweh and no other.

In the New Testament, the outward sign is baptism. However, baptism is more than immersion in water. To be baptized into Christ Jesus is to be completely identified with him. When Jesus gave us the Great Commission to go into the whole world, make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, he was commanding us to bring assist people not only on their way to salvation, but to complete identification with God.

Application:

Read: Galatians 3:26

How is your life not identified with Jesus Christ?

If a friend or cousin or co-worker responded to the question, “When you see _____, do you also see Jesus,” what might the response sound like?

How will being “clothed” in Christ change your perspective on worship?

How will it change your outlook on life?

How will it change your values?

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3. True worship always remembers the faithfulness of God.

Read: Joshua 5:10

Comment: The Passover Celebration commemorated the day in which God passed over the households of the Israelis when he brought judgment upon the households of Egypt. Celebrating this holy day was a means through which Israel acknowledged the eternal and ever present faithfulness of Yahweh. Handing it down, generation to generation, was a means to help each new member of the Hebrew Nation recall that Yahweh, and Yahweh alone was responsible for the well-being of this people. (Read Exodus 12:26-28).

Application:

Read: Hebrews 13:5 and Deuteronomy. Notice the quote in Hebrews 13: 5 taken from Deuteronomy.

In what application was this promise given to Joshua and the Israelis?

What is the application for the reader of Hebrews and the follower of Christ?

How does remembering and acknowledging the faithfulness of God help in both situations?

Again, how does this change your perspective about God?

4. True worship always recognizes the provisions of God.

Read: Joshua 5:11,12

What difference is there between the provision of Manna and the provision of the “produce” of the land?

If you refer to the produce as natural and the manna as supernatural, how might the history of how Israel got into the land change your perspective?