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Man Made to Look Up

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The Greek word for man, *Anthropos*, means “The Up Looking One.” God made man to look up to Him for guidance and dependability.

The science of “Cognitive Psychology” describes mankind to only have three types of behavior. The famed psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud believed that behavior and personality were derived from the constant and unique interaction of conflicting psychological forces that operate at three different levels of awareness: *the preconscious, conscious, and unconscious*. He missed one that God describes – The wise and reverent behavior. Jesus shared the gospel using stories and metaphors that even a child could understand, but because of a hardness of heart, many just couldn’t grasp the significance.

Man is the only creature that can look up to a Supreme God for help in those things he cannot control nor supervise. Wisdom is the only source that causes man to “Ask of God” (James 1:5), because: “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” (James 1:17).

The four methods that man uses to rationalize situations, Jesus described in Matthew 13:1-23.

- **Wayside heart** —not serious about what he hears from Bible.
- **Rocky heart**— hears, but won’t allow it to take good root and what little faith they had goes away when they start experiencing pain and resistance. They believed that following Jesus should put them above

opposition and unrest, or perhaps it's because they just don’t know how to place their trust in Him.

- **Thorny heart** —allows truth to be choked out because of lusts and magnetism of the world. Their mind is enthusiastic about the gospel, but it’s too easily distracted by what the world has to offer. 1 Corinthians 10:23 –“All things are lawful for me, but all things are not beneficial: all things are lawful for me, but all things do not build-up.”

- **Good heart** – Wise man looks within his subconscious and comes closer to God to produce those fruits within themselves that please their Jesus (Ephesians 5:22-23).

These four are the true way man thinks and behaves. The Bible teaches that few will adopt the good mind (Matthew 7:14). via. Market Street Messenger August 29, 2021

Is All of Life Worship?

by David Dann

When discussing worship that is offered unto God, Jesus said, “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (Jn. 4:24). According to the New Testament, Christians are authorized to worship God through prayer (Acts 2:42), singing (Col. 3:16), teaching the doctrine of Christ (Acts 11:26), and by giving of their means (1 Cor. 16:1-2)

and partaking of the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-26) when assembled with the church on the first day of the week.

With these thoughts in mind, it is important to note that there are those who insist that everything that a Christian does in his life is to be considered part of his worship to God. Some have gone so far as to say that such mundane tasks as mowing the lawn or taking a shower are part of one's worship to God. What shall we say to these things? The Scriptures clearly teach that the life of a child of God is to be a life of godliness and service (cf. Lk. 9:23; Rom. 12:1-2; Col. 3:17). But does that mean that every activity in which we engage is to be considered as worship offered unto God?

Consider the following in relation to this question:

1. Abraham's worship. "And Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you'" (Gen. 22:5). When commanded to offer Isaac on Mt. Moriah, Abraham stated that he and Isaac would "go yonder and worship," and then return (v. 5). It should be obvious that the worship under discussion was to take place in a specific manner at a specific time and place. The journey was not worship. The conversation Abraham had with his servants was not worship. The worship was to take place on Mt. Moriah. While Abraham lived a life of service to God, the entirety of his life was not considered worship to God.

2. David's worship. Following the death of his child, the Bible says, "So David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he went to his own house; and when he requested, they set food before him, and he ate" (2 Sam. 12:20). The washing, anointing, changing of clothes, and eating that took place in his house were not worship. David "went into the house of the LORD and worshiped" (v. 20). While David lived a life of godly service, the entirety of his life was not considered worship to God.

3. The Ethiopian's worship. The Ethiopian eunuch "had come to Jerusalem to worship, and was returning" when Philip was sent by God to preach to him (Acts 8:27-28). His journey to Jerusalem was not worship, nor was his journey home. His worship took place at Jerusalem. The Ethiopian Eunuch may have lived a life devoted to God, but the entirety of his life was not considered worship to God.

4. Paul's worship. When accused by his Jewish detractors in Caesarea, the apostle Paul responded by pointing out that "it is no more than twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to worship" (Acts 24:11). It is evident that, to the apostle Paul, the concept of "worship" was one involving a specific action in which one engages at a specific time and place. While the apostle Paul lived a life of godly service unto the Lord, the entirety of his life was not considered worship to God.

Conclusion: One may certainly worship God under various circumstances and in various places (cf. Gen. 24:26; Acts 16:25; 1 Thess. 5:17). In fact, one may offer a prayer or sing hymns of praise even while mowing the lawn, taking a shower, or driving an automobile. However, it is important to note that the "worship" taking place on such occasions is the praying and the singing, rather than the mowing, showering, or driving. No, all of life is most certainly not to be considered "worship." Let us faithfully live our lives in service to God, while being careful to "worship in spirit and truth" (Jn. 4:24).