**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. The curse of the twentieth century is Sunday morning religion because so many people only practice their religion on Sunday morning.
   2. We should come to church to worship God on Sunday, but we ought to bring our worship to church, and when we leave the building, we ought to take our worship with us.
   3. The Bible teaches that when we’re right with God, every day is a holy day, every act is to be a sacred deed, and everything we do, we’re to do to the glory of God.
   4. Colossians 3:16
      1. This verse is a wonderful definition of a worship service.
   5. God wants us to worship Him because it enriches us, not Him.
      1. If you give God your money, God is no richer. If you give God your strength, God is no stronger. If you give God your knowledge, God doesn’t learn anything. God is God.
      2. Yet God wants us to love Him and worship Him because He is love, and love wants to give and to receive.
      3. God knows that we become like what we worship: If you worship idols, you become like idols. If we worship the Lord Jesus, we become like Jesus.
   6. Someone in a worship service might be able to give more than you, someone might sing better than you, someone might understand the Word of God or teach the Word of God better than you; but no one can worship better than you.
   7. It’s not your duty to persuade God to bless you but to permit Him to do so. Even a child can come to church and worship God with a full and pure heart, and therefore please God and be blessed.
   8. But worship does not end when we leave the church building. Worship extends to all of life.
      1. Colossians 3:17
      2. Real worship extends to every deed, every day.
      3. Worship is doing everything in the name of Jesus and giving God thanks for it.
         1. 1 Peter 4:11
         2. 1 Corinthians 10:31
      4. When we do this: the so-called secular is sanctified, the everyday is edified, and God is glorified.
   9. When you walk out of your place of worship, you go out into God’s cathedral of the skies, and you can take the worship that is in your heart and carry it with you.
   10. Many make the mistake of wanting to divide life up like a pie, allotting certain slices or portions to God, like one-tenth of our money, one-seventh of our week. But when God judges your life, He’s going to judge the whole pie. It all belongs to God. Every slice.
   11. Colossians 3:17 tells us there is no ground that is not holy, no time that is not sacred. In all natural things you’re to be spiritual and in all spiritual things you’re to be natural; therefore, you’re naturally supernatural and supernaturally natural.
   12. We are not to act religions but to live for Jesus Christ in every way. We don’t turn it on and don’t turn it off.
   13. There needs to something called Monday morning religion, and if people would begin to live on Monday what is preached on Sunday, people would begin to believe what is preached on Sunday around the world.
   14. There are three questions you can ask yourself if you want to know what you are to be doing with your worship on Monday morning, how you can be doing everything you do in the name of Jesus.
2. Is what I am doing consistent with the personality of Jesus Christ?
   1. The name of Jesus equates with the personality of Jesus. Name and character are inextricably interwoven.
      1. A professional baseball player might allow his name to be inscribed on a bat, endorsing it as a good product and something consistent with his personal standards. Question: Is what you’re thinking about doing something that Jesus Christ could put His name on? Could Jesus sign off on it as something consistent with His character?
         1. Colossians 3:17
         2. People often want a set of rules to help them know right and wrong, but the Bible is a book of great principles rather than a book of minute laws.
            1. There are far too many little details in life every day to be covered by minute laws.
            2. You could not apply minute laws throughout the ages with all the cultural changes and advancements that occur.
            3. You can find loopholes in laws, but you can’t find loopholes in the character of Jesus Christ.
         3. Some specific examples might be:
            1. Can I imagine Jesus watching this film?
            2. Would I go dressed this way if Jesus were my companion?
            3. Would Jesus Christ put His name on that business contract?
            4. Would Jesus Christ accompany you on that vacation?
            5. Would Jesus Christ subscribe to that magazine?
   2. Ask yourself what is consistent with the personality of Jesus and begin to live like that on Monday.
3. Does it claim the power of Jesus Christ?
   1. Name stands not only for personality, but it stands for power and authority.
   2. John 14:14
      1. When we bring His name into it, He begins to do it. He does *help* us to do it, but the way He helps is by doing it in us and through us, so He literally says, “I will do it.”
   3. His name has His authority behind it.
   4. The name of Jesus represents the Lord Jesus, and when you bring Jesus’ name into something, you bring Jesus Christ into it.
   5. Luke 10:17-19
      1. In these verses are two different words for “power,” and Jesus is telling those sent out to represent Him that He is giving them the power of His authority over the power of the enemy.
      2. When we have the power of authority, we don’t need the power of strength or might.
         1. A 185-pound policeman can hold up his hand and stop an 18-wheeler truck not with physical power, but with authority. The power of the law is behind him, and he can say, “Stop in the name of the law.”
            1. Who is stronger, you or Satan? Satan is. Who has more authority? You do. He’s the 18-wheeler, but you’re the cop.
   6. Everything you do, you’re to do in the authority of Jesus Christ, in the name of Christ.
      1. Wives, submit to your husband in the power of the name of Jesus Christ.
         1. Colossians 3:18
         2. This is not slavery or subjugation, nor is it demeaning.
         3. Submission is one equal voluntarily placing themselves under the authority of another equal that God may therefore be glorified.
         4. Men and women are equal in the sight of God.
            1. Galatians 3:28
         5. In this day of militant feminism, the only way a godly wife is going to be able to submit to her husband is in the name of Jesus, in the power of that Name.
      2. Husbands are to love in the name of Jesus.
         1. Colossians 3:19
         2. If the love of the wife is to be submissive love, the love of the husband is to be sacrificial and serving love.
         3. The word that is used for “love” here is “agape,” and that means to sacrifice.
            1. Ephesians 5:25
         4. The only way husbands and wives can love one another as they should is with the Lord’s authority and power in their lives.
      3. Children are to obey in the name of Jesus.
         1. Colossians 3:20
            1. The measure of your obedience, young person, is in all things. The motive of your obedience is to please the Lord.
         2. A disobedient child is not worshipping God, doesn’t have Monday morning religion.
         3. Clean up your room in the name of Jesus. Do your homework in the name of Jesus. That’s what he’s saying: “*Whatever you do*.”
      4. Parents, raise your children in the name of Jesus.
         1. Colossians 3:21
         2. This is speaking to both parents. Children need the tender love of mother and father.
         3. You will be able to apply the technique of tenderness with your children in the name of Jesus.
      5. Employers serve in the name of Jesus.
         1. Colossians 3:22-23
         2. When you go to work, do it heartily, with enthusiasm, as unto the Lord. You ought to work for your boss as if he were Jesus Christ (even in a secular area of employment).
         3. If you have Monday morning religion, you are different from those around you on the job. And you’re getting paid far more than you realize.
            1. Colossians 3:24
            2. You can’t give a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus and lose your reward. Don’t look at your paycheck but at the hidden paycheck. You’re doing it as unto Jesus!
      6. Question: wouldn’t this city be a different place if everybody who left church on Sunday would go live this way on Monday morning?
4. Does it culminate in the praise of Jesus?
   1. When you do something in His name, it means that it is for His honor, for His praise, for His glory.
   2. Does Jesus get glorified by what you do?
      1. Jesus can be glorified by: the way you take your vacation, the way you keep your yard, the way you dress, the way you smile. Everything you do ought to glorify the Lord Jesus.
      2. Kids, you go off to school and perhaps you’re praying for your lost professor. Are you doing your schoolwork in such a way that it brings glory to Jesus Christ so your teacher will have that testimony?
      3. Wife, if you’re praying for your husband to be saved: Are you living in such a way that Jesus gets praised by the way you live?
      4. Kids who are praying for your lost parents, do you know one of the best ways that you can witness to them? Clean up your bedroom. They need to see a difference in your life, not just simply that you go to church, but that your life is radically different.
5. CONCLUSION
   1. Colossians 3:17
   2. What is worship on Monday morning? It’s doing everything in the name of Jesus and giving God thanks for it.
   3. Is whatever you’re doing consistent with the personality of Jesus? Does it claim and depend upon the power of Jesus? Does it culminate in the praise of Jesus? If it does, you’ve done it in the name of Jesus, and He is glorified.
   4. When you go to work in your office or whatever you do each day, you’re glorifying Him and therefore you’re worshipping Him.
   5. Your worship doesn’t just simply end at church on Sunday morning, but you’re carrying that worship on out: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday; and then, come Sunday, you bring your worship to church.
   6. When we do that, every day is a holy day and every place is sacred. The secular is sanctified, the everyday is edified, God is glorified!
   7. Now, you can’t do anything in the name of Jesus until you are saved.
   8. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   9. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16