

Bible Way Church

OF ATLANTA ROAD

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"A Commitment to Worship"

Psalm 34: 1 – 8 KJV

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- As we continue to discuss the topic of commitment, let us now look at one of the three areas we as a church family committed to at the beginning of this year: The pledge to consistently worship God with our whole heart and with passion.
- The word, worship is defined as the reverent love and devotion accorded to a deity. ("Our God")
- Worship is more than what we do in church; it is how we live our lives everyday.
- The gospel artist William Murphy says it best when he sings, "Praise Is What I Do".
- In John 4:24, Jesus said to the woman at the well of Samaria "...they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth".
- We are not to worship God simply because we expect something from Him; we should worship Him because of who He is and what He has already done.
- The psalmist said in Psalm 138:2, I will worship and praise your name because of your loving kindness and because of your truth.
- True worship really does involve commitment.
- To worship when it is not so convenient, when you find yourself in a strange land, you must have commitment.
- The three Hebrew boys had that kind of commitment in Babylon, a strange land.
- The singers of Judah did not (Psalm 137:4).
- Let us look at our scriptural text and see what it says to us concerning a commitment to worship.

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- David, a very passionate worshipper, wrote this Psalm out of his own personal experience.
- True worship is best demonstrated out of ones own personal experience and not just the experiences of others, including biblical characters.
- David wrote this Psalm after he had gone through some very difficult times in his life.
- Because of jealousy, King Saul, his mentor, was trying to destroy David.
- David was on the run for his life, living in caves among other rejects.
- However, in spite of his situation, the one thing that remained consistent in his life was his worship.
- David resolved in verses 1–3 that he would worship the Lord no matter what happened to him.
- In verse 1 David wrote, “I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.”
- A real commitment to worship involves a commitment to consistency.
- We cannot just worship God when times are good or when it’s convenient.
- In verses 4–6 David indicated that he worshiped the Lord because he remembered what God had done for him:

“I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not
ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out
of all his troubles.”
- Finally, in verse 8, David invited his readers to experience what he had experienced. He said to them “O taste and see that the Lord is good...”
- A commitment to worship!