



Costly Worship

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TODAY'S READING: Mark 14

Of the many examples of worship in the Bible, the one in Mark 14:3-9 is one of my favorites. From the onset, it does not appear to be an example of worship, but it is. Just like the costly perfume used to anoint Jesus, our worship costs us. In Hebrews 13:15, the writer refers to a sacrifice of praise, *"Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name."* Worship costs me when I choose to humble myself so my life is not about me but about making more of Him.

In his book *Real Worship*, Warren Weirsbe writes, "Evelyn Undersell has defined worship as 'the total adoring response of man to the one Eternal God, self-revealed in time.' I like that phrase, 'adoring response.' It reminds me that worship is personal and passionate, not formal and unfeeling, and that it is our response to the living God, voluntarily offered to Him as He has offered Himself to us." Worship has never been about us or our stylistic preferences or song selections. It is a response of praise to God for who He is and what He has done.

While on earth we have a unique opportunity to practice worshiping God. We have the option to worship God or not. However, we see the opposite when we look at passages about Heaven. In Heaven, worship is no longer optional. Worshiping God is what we are going to do for eternity. For me, I want to worship while it is optional. This can be seen as practice for when we get to Heaven. When we feel like it, we must worship Him. When we do not feel like it, we must worship Him. God being worthy of our adoration is not contingent upon how I feel or what is happening in my life. Worship will cost us just like the perfume cost the woman in Bethany. Today, spend some time in reflection on how you worship God even when it costs you and respond in praise to Him.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONDAY'S READING: Mark 15

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