

Revival: Keep it Holy

Reflect

1. Being honest with yourself, how often do you participate in corporate worship?
2. How do you worship with other Christians? Hymns? Contemporary music? Online? In-person? All of the above?
3. Describe the most profound experience you've had in a worship service.

Read Your Bible

- Exodus 20:8
- John 4:21-26

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. How would the commandment "Remember the Sabbath day..." been received by newly freed slaves?
2. Do you see this commandment in your life as a law, a gift, or a little of both? Explain your thoughts.
3. According to Exodus 20:8, what was the commandment's primary concern?
4. According to Jesus, what two things constitute the kind of worship the Father seeks?
5. Who do we worship according to Jesus?
6. How do you summarize Jesus' words to the Samaritan woman regarding worship?
7. How can your worship life better reflect these readings from scripture?
8. What do you think God wants to give you as you worship?

Conclusion

When a bunch of newly freed slaves first heard the words in Exodus, it's very unlikely they understood it as, "you can't do anything on Saturday. You can just sit around the house on Saturdays." Rather, this group of

newly freed slaves who never had a day off in their lives, heard this commandment as absolute joy. Sadly, many Christians today view worship as a cumbersome chore that cuts into their free time. I've found myself all too often in that miserable line of thinking. A better line of thinking, believing, and acting upon is remembering that I, too, am a newly freed slave from sin. Because of the Father's love poured out in Jesus, I am free from sin, and death, and the devil. And I get to give Him thanks and praise for what He has done for me. Worship will remind me of this freedom and help me live my life with joy, delight, passion, and purpose. Why would I not want to worship?

Pray

Father in heaven, let my spirit rejoice with Your Spirit and celebrate Your Truth. Thank You for freeing me from the things of this earth that enslave my soul. Accept my worship and renew me again, so I can share Your love to the ends of the earth. In Jesus' name. Amen.