

Sermon Notes

WORSHIP MATTERS: God or gods

Luke 4:1-13 (Text: 4:5-8)

I. Introduction

II. Our Worship Focus

- A. The devil's temptation (Luk 4:5-8)
- B. The Son of man's response
- C. The perfect man's accomplishment (Deu 6 :4-16, 8:3, Deu 9:6-29: Exo 17:1-7)
- D. The devil's agenda
- E. The worship that is all of life (1 Thes 1:9; Rom 12:1)
- F. The triune God is to be worshipped (Joh 5: 23)

III. Our Worship Enemy

- A. The enemy within us
- B. The untamed heart
- C. The invisible idols (2 Kings 17:33)

IV. Our Worship Likeness

- A. The likeness to idols (2 Kings 17:15 ; Rom 1:21, Isa 6:9-13; Psa 115:4-8)

- B. The likeness to God (Rom 12:1; Eph 5:1; 2 Cor 3:18; 2 Pet. 1:4)

- C. The worship that is acceptable

V. Conclusion

1. Our challenge is to worship the Triune God and to serve Him only so that we become more and more like the Lord in all areas of our lives. Worship is responding to God's love, grace and fellowship towards us in His Son by His Spirit.
2. By the Lord's enabling we must safeguard our worship against corrupting idolatrous tendencies. Or else we will gradually become like our idols with eyes that can't see, ears that can't hear and hearts that are dull.
3. Worship is not about pleasing ourselves. We are saved to worship. And our worship is only accepted because of what Christ had done.
4. What are we committed to? What are we being conformed to? Who do we resemble? Jesus or earthly gods? Is the Lord's presence upon us this morning?