

SERIES: GOD IS . . .

The Picture of Worship

Romans 12

Romans 12:1 – Offer All

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

The Apostle begins with showing us what the picture of worship looks like.

We cannot worship God when we want

1 Samuel 15:9

“But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good [mess up the applegart/ruffle the feathers], and were unwilling to utterly destroy them. But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.”

1 Samuel 15:22

“So Samuel said: ‘Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.’”

Romans 12:2 – Non-Conformity

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:3 – Soberness

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Romans 12:4 – Membership

For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not all have the same function, . . .

Romans 12:5 – Belonging

. . . so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

Romans 12:6 – Gifts of Prophecy

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; . . .

Romans 12:7 – Gifts of Serving and Teaching

. . . or ministry [service], let us use it in our ministering [serving]; he who teaches, in teaching; . . .

Romans 12:8 – Unity of Gifts

. . . he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:9 – Love

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

Romans 12:10 – Honor

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; . . .

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