

# How Can I Prepare Myself for Worship?

- A. The children of Israel knew what it was to prepare for the worship of the LORD their God.
  - 1. They were called to prepare themselves to hear from God at Mt. Sinai (*Exo 19:9-11*).
  - 2. Perpetual preparations would be required for the hundreds of annual appointed sacrifices.
  - 3. Every time the priests would minister at the tabernacle, they were to prepare themselves.
  - 4. On multiple occasions throughout the year, Jews would prepare for a journey to Jerusalem.
  - 5. Jesus sent Peter and John to prepare the Passover meal for the apostles in *Luke 22:7-8*.
  - 6. The LORD clearly revealed how he felt about getting the meager leftovers (*Mal 1:6-14*).
- B. As disciples of Christ, we also are the recipients of a call to worship (*John 4:24; Heb 10:19-25*).
- C. Perhaps one of the most countercultural, influential things we can do in our fast-paced, success-driven society is to devote every first day of the week to rest, reflection, and worship.

## Many people have prepared for this morning. How can we *all* prepare ourselves for worship?

- 1. Honestly evaluate whether or not you need to \_\_\_\_\_ (*Luke 8:4-5,12*).
- 2. Earnestly \_\_\_\_\_ God outside the walls of this building (*Matt 4:4; 6:5-6; James 5:13*) in order that the seed of God's word might develop deep \_\_\_\_\_ in your heart (*Luke 8:6,13*).
- 3. Purpose, plan, and prepare like a \_\_\_\_\_, even in the mundane details of life, so that your heart isn't hectic, rushed, and unprepared (*1 Cor 10:31; Col 3:23; Psa 5:3*).
- 4. Prepare your mind by getting plenty of \_\_\_\_\_ (*1 Chron 28:9; Eccl 1:13; 1 Cor 14:15*).
- 5. Be wary of \_\_\_\_\_ before, during, and after worship (*Luke 8:7,14*).
- 6. Persistently work to cultivate an attitude of \_\_\_\_\_ (*Heb 12:28-29*) and \_\_\_\_\_ (*Psa 43:3-4; 118:24; 122:1*) at the prospect of worshipping God.
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_: for your own heart, for your fellow-worshippers, and for the glory of God (*Isa 55:10-11*).
- 8. Allow plenty of \_\_\_\_\_ to arrive and get settled (*Luke 10:41-42*).
- 9. Deliberately \_\_\_\_\_ your thoughts and \_\_\_\_\_ your heart (*Psa 19:7-11*).
- 10. Patiently \_\_\_\_\_ (*Luke 8:8, 15; 1 Cor 15:58*).

## Conclusion:

- A. Our God has prepared so much for us! (*Psa 23:5; Mal 3:1; Heb 10:5; John 14:2-3*).
- B. Are you preparing yourself to worship? What needs attention moving forward?
- C. Are you ultimately prepared to meet your Creator? (*Amos 4:11-12; Acts 2:37-41*)