

THE PRIORITY OF WORSHIP

“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.” Luke 19:40 NIV





When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

Luke 7:36-50

1. Your struggles with sin don't have to keep you out of the presence of Jesus.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:17 NIV

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16 NIV

2. TRUE WORSHIP IS COSTLY.



- Sometimes the cost is worshipping God with your **possessions.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name: bring an offering and come before him. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

1 Chronicles 16:29

*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the
firstfruits of all your crops;
Proverbs 3:9 NIV*

*I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God
burnt offerings that cost me nothing.
2 Samuel 24:24 NIV*

- Sometimes the cost is worshipping God through your **pride**.

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. Hebrews 13:15 NIV

Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might,¹⁵ while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

2 Samuel 6:14 NIV

I will celebrate before the Lord. I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. 2 Samuel 6:20-23 NIV

- Sometimes the cost is worshipping God through your **indifference**.

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise
will always be on my lips. Psalm 34:1

- Sometimes the cost is worshipping God through your **pain**.

At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship...Job 1:20 NIV

**3. THE MOST APPROPRIATE
PLACE FOR WORSHIP IS AT THE
FEET OF JESUS.**

...she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. Luke 7:50

*Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his
footstool; he is holy. Psalm 99:5 NIV*