

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

I AM THE LORD, I CHANGE NOT

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PART 2: TRUE OR FALSE WORSHIP

WHO IS THE OWNER – GOD OR MAN?

The earth was created by God and He has never relinquished ownership. **Genesis 1:1 Deuteronomy 10:14; Psalm 24:1; 1 Corinthians 10:26**

God created Adam and Eve and made Adam the manager of the Garden of Eden with instructions to care for it. At no point in this process did the Lord relinquish ownership of the earth. **Genesis 2:15**

God gave mankind a free will to obey or disobey Him. The consequence for disobedience would be spiritual death. **verses 16-17**

God told Adam and Eve that He would provide a salvation plan for the human race in the future. **Genesis 3:15**

God created Lucifer as a holy angel; Lucifer was not a free agent but the property of God. When he sinned, he and the other rebellious angels were sentenced to the Lake of Fire. This is a final prison for created beings such as angels and humans who rebel against the Lord. **Matthew 25:41**

Man has been given a free will to choose the following:

1. Obey God and be saved and spend eternity in heaven
2. Disobey God and spend eternity in the Lake of Fire. **Revelation 20:11-15**

God is the creator and owner of the universe in which we live. All living creatures in this universe are the property of God. When God dissolves this universe, all the angels and humanity will be removed and placed in the new creation or the Lake of Fire. **Isaiah 65: 17; 2 Peter 3:9-13; Revelation 21:1**

Angels and the humanity have no part in the decision making process for this creation or the next. We are all owned by God; He is not asking for input about the future. It has all been decreed in advance and mankind only has to choose to obey or disobey God. **Isaiah 55:1-7**

The goal for every person should be to qualify for the new creation and not end up in the Lake of Fire by default! That's right, doing nothing is the same as rejecting God. Those who do nothing and those who actively choose to reject God will end up in the Lake of Fire.

WORSHIP IS THE KEY TO PLEASING GOD

Atheists over the years feel that God – as presented in the Bible – is a tyrannical dictator with a big ego that wants to be worshipped by His creation. This kind of thinking comes from Satan, who is jealous of God and wants to redirect the worship of God to himself. **Isaiah 14:12-14**



Satan craves worship and every religion that he's developed demands the worship of the demon god in charge of that particular religion. Jesus told the Samaritan woman that she did not know who she was worshiping. **John 4:19-24**

God has every right to demand worship from His creatures, after all, He made them and provides them with food and a dwelling place. He sustains life in angels and mankind. We would not exist without God. People are thankful to one another for services rendered; shouldn't we also be extremely thankful to the Creator that is our source for life? **Revelation 4:9-11**

God is holy and demands worship be done according to His specifications in order for Him to accept it. Cain and Abel, the sons of Adam and Eve, were instructed on how worship should be conducted. Sin had contaminated their parents and themselves, and the Lord required a blood sacrifice. Abel obeyed but Cain decided to do his own thing and told God to just accept what he was offering.

God did not adapt to Cain's offering and make him feel good; instead, we find that God rejected Cain and his unacceptable sacrifice. **Genesis 4:1-7**

Jesus eventually became the final sacrificial lamb and today worship no longer involves blood sacrifices. **Hebrews 9:17-28**

A believer in Christ is required to worship God in truth and in spirit. **John 4:22-24**

Jesus clearly stated that all worship is in vain unless we come to God on His terms. **Matthew 15:1-9**

During the days of revival in the 1960's and 1970's, a spirit of worship swept over the newly saved masses and some of the most beautiful music was given by the Holy Spirit. We sang these songs in reverence and repentance to the Lord. We came to God in spirit and in truth as we lived in repentance and holiness.

It did not take long for the Devil to commercialize worship and every church suddenly started to have a worship team of musicians and singers, who were for the most part not walking in truth and holiness.

Pastors stopped preaching repentance and holiness in order to increase the attendance in the churches. The moral standard was lowered so that backslidden Christians and unbelievers felt good attending a non-judgmental church. They could be swayed emotionally by the music which the worship team produced and leave a church service exactly the same as before with no repentance. Many of the so-called Gospel music stars began to behave like the secular music singers and many of them got into fornication or adultery, divorcing their spouses and getting remarried, and some even turned to homosexuality. The end result was that they lost the anointing of the Lord.

Does God adapt to man's activities or is it the responsibility of man to adapt to God's eternal laws? Do you think that God is going to adapt to the masses of Christians who refuse to come to Him in spirit and in truth? Absolutely not! **Amos 6:1-8**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?