

Scripture: Hebrews 1
Singing: 409 – 302 – 3:3-4 – 125:1, 2, 3, 7

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The Glory of Jesus Christ

I. Who is He? II. What do we owe Him?

I. Who is He, the man Jesus Christ?

- A. He is the delight of God the Father: Matt. 3:17; Matt. 17:5; Is. 42:1
1. Father delights in His Son from all eternity: Prov. 8:30
 2. Father delights in His Son's creation: Gen. 1:31; 2:2; Ex. 31:17; Ps. 104:31b
 3. Father even more delighted in His redemptive work: Is. 42:1-4
 - a. consider Matt. 3:17 & Matt. 17:5; John 3:35
 - b. Edwards: *The infinite happiness of the Father consists in the enjoyment of His Son Jesus Christ ."*
 - 4 All this adds weight to Father's direction: *Hear ye Him!*
 - a. If Jesus is your delight, you will be honored like Him: John 12:26
 - d. If Jesus is not your delight, reverse is also true: Ps. 2:12; Heb. 2:1-3
- B. He is the express image of God the Father: Hebrews 1:1-3; John 5:16-23
1. He is God the Father's equal even though He made Himself of no reputation
 - a. Luke 1:32-33; Col. 2:9
 2. Jesus kept on staggering both friend and foe as He lived on earth
 - a. through His staggering miracles
 - b. even more through His staggering claims
 3. What then does it mean that Jesus is the *express image* of God? (Heb. 1:3)
 4. If still in doubt about His claims, consider Matthew 17:2

II. What we owe Him

A. We owe Him *our heart and life* and with less God the Father is not satisfied!

1. Phil. 2:10 *The Father calls you to bow your knees and confess His Name*

2. Heb. 10:28-31: *The Father lets you know He is divinely displeased when you don't honor His Son but instead tank up on creature vanities*

B. We owe Him our *prayers, worship, and our service*: Ps. 2:11

1. What are evidence you do? How does this look like?
 - a. known by your prayer life before Him

 - b. known by your talk, witness, and testimony about Him

 - c. known by how you come and worship Him in church

 - d. known by your private meditations about Him

 - e. known by your serving Him in your life

 - f. known you your longing for Him

The Heart of True Worship

True worship exalts God to His rightful place in every second of our life.

Worship is to live in awe before you.

Worship is to declare the greatness of God by your humility before Him.

Worship is that to which we occupies our chief interest and receives our deepest enthusiasm and devotion.

Worship is the adoring contemplation of God as He has revealed Himself in His Son Jesus Christ

Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of our conscience by His holiness, the nourishment of the mind with His truth, the purifying of our imaginations by His beauty, the opening of the heart to His love, and the surrender of our will to His purpose. (W. Temple)