



ENJOYING THE GOOD LIFE "The Place of Worship" Deuteronomy 26:1-15

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In England the proper title for a mayor is "his or her worship, the mayor." This has nothing to do with religions, it simply means the mayor is a person of *worth* and therefore *worthy* of respect. To worship God is to intelligently and joyfully treat him with the respect he deserves.

I. To Worship Is to Make a Statement.

- A. A statement of appropriation. v. 3
 - 1. The Lord promised to give...
 - 2. I have come to the land.
- B. A statement of appreciation. vv. 5-10
 - 1. Appreciation for spiritual heritage. v. 5
 - 2. Appreciation for personal redemption. vv. 6-8
 - 3. Appreciation for temporal blessings. vv. 9-10
- C. A statement of adoration. v. 15
 - 1. You shall rejoice in all the good things.
- D. A statement of anticipation. v. 15
 - 1. We look up to him in our need.
 - 2. He looks down upon us in blessing.

II. To Worship Is to Make a Sacrifice.

- A. Special times required a sacrifice of time.
 - 1. The Sabbath.
 - 2. The Holy Days.
- B. Special place required a sacrifice of energy. 12:5
 - 1. Worship in the home.
 - 2. Worship in the place of his name.
- C. Special procedures required a sacrifice of property. 12:6
 - 1. Burnt offerings and sacrifices.
 - 2. Tithes and special gifts.
 - 3. Vows and freewill offerings.
 - 4. Firstfruits.

III. To Worship Is to Express Submissions. v. 10

"Worship is the submission of all our nature to God." – Archbishop William Temple

- A. Worship as intellectual exercise.
- B. Worship as emotional response.
- C. Worship as volitional submission.
- D. Worship as practical service.