



Big Idea:

The manner of our worship reveals the measure of our love for God.

1.) UNBLEMISHED Sacrifice (v. 7-8)

- Since the animals offered in OT animal sacrifices were meant to represent Christ, who would fulfill them, it was essential that they be unblemished (Leviticus 22:18-22, Deuteronomy 17:1).
- The quality of the sacrifice that they brought to worship represented **REVERENCE** for the Messiah.
- Before God accepts any offering, He evaluates the heart behind it.

2.) Unblemished **WORSHIP** (v. 6, 9-12)

- Instead of OT animal sacrifices that pointed ahead to Christ, God wants us to respond to Christ by offering ourselves as **LIVING SACRIFICES** (Romans 11:36-12:1).
- Even as the Mosaic Covenant called for unblemished animals, believers in Christ are called to bring unblemished worship from sincere hearts (Hebrews 13:15).

-- As living sacrifices, the quality of our worship will be demonstrated by the authenticity of our hearts and the integrity of our praise.

-- Symptoms of Shoddy Worship

-- Blind worship – Coming to worship with no real concern to **SEE** God or **KNOW** God

-- Lame or sick worship – Attempting to worship God while living in obvious unrepentant sin

-- Offering God less than you offer the **WORLD**

-- We presume too much if we presume God will bless **SHODDY** worship.

-- God would rather see the doors of the temple shut than to watch his people offer sloppy, superficial sacrifices.

-- If sincere praise of God is not pouring forth when God's people assemble for worship, then there is little point in our assembly.

-- *Does the **MANNER** of our worship reflect the **MEASURE** of God's greatness?*

Application (v. 6)

-- *Are we giving our merciful Father in Heaven the honor He deserves?*

-- *Does the attitude of our praise rightly revere His holiness and respect His absolute sovereignty over all? (Chronicles 29:11-12)*

-- The manner of our worship matters so much because it is a **RESPONSE** to what God has done for us in Christ.

-- Hear the Word of God and offer yourself as a living sacrifice, because our gracious God of glory deserves nothing less!