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1ST & 2ND SAMUEL

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

WORSHIP: CORRUPTION AND
REFORMATION

1. The Corruption of Worship: Idolatry, then and now; Abominations under Manasseh
2. The Reformation of Worship: (Rehoboam, Jehoiada/Joash, Hezekiah, Josiah)
3. Divine Discipline on Corrupt Worship
4. Restoration and Return: Ezra, Nehemiah, and the focus on Scripture
5. Conclusion:
The Rise of the Synagogue
Legalism Destroys Worship

Characteristics of Biblical Worship

- 1. Substitutionary blood sacrifice.**
- 2. Proclamation of who God is and what He has done.**
- 3. The necessity of cleansing from sin in terms of justification and then ongoing sanctification.**

Ex. 19:5, “ ‘Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

Ex. 19:6, “ ‘And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

Again we saw that worship involves response:

Ex. 19:8, “Then all the people answered together and said, ‘All that the LORD has spoken we will do.’ So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.”

Ex. 20:3, “You shall have no other gods before Me.”

Deut. 6:5, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

**Matt. 6:21, “For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.”**

Ex. 20:4, “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

Ex. 20:5, “you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

Ex. 20:6, “but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

Ex. 23:32, “You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.

Ex. 23:33, “They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me. For if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.”

Psa. 106:36, “They served their idols, which became a snare to them.

Psa. 106:37, “They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons,

Psa. 106:38, “And shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood.”

2 Kings 10:31, “But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart; for he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, who had made Israel sin.”

2 Kings 21:6, “Also he made his son pass through the fire, practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.

2 Kings 21:7, “He even set a carved image of Asherah that he had made, in the house of which the LORD had said to David and to Solomon his son, ‘In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever;’ ”

2 Kings 21:9, “But they paid no attention, and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.”

2 Kings 21:11, “Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations (he has acted more wickedly than all the Amorites who were before him, and has also made Judah sin with his idols),”

2 Chron. 30:24, “For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the assembly a thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep, and the leaders gave to the assembly a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep; and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

2 Chron. 30:25, “The whole assembly of Judah rejoiced, also the priests and Levites, all the assembly that came from Israel, the sojourners who came from the land of Israel, and those who dwelt in Judah.”

2 Chron. 30:26, “So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem.”

2 Chron. 34:14, “Now when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD given by Moses.

2 Chron. 34:15, “Then Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, ‘I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD.’ And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan.

2 Chron. 34:16, “So Shaphan carried the book to the king, bringing the king word, saying, ‘All that was committed to your servants they are doing.’ ”

2 Chron. 34:17, “ ‘And they have gathered the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers and the workmen.’

2 Chron. 34:18, “Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, ‘Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.’ And Shaphan read it before the king.

2 Chron. 34:19, “Thus it happened, when the king heard the words of the Law, that he tore his clothes.”

2 Chron. 35:18, “There had been no Passover kept in Israel like that since the days of Samuel the prophet; and none of the kings of Israel had kept such a Passover as Josiah kept, with the priests and the Levites, all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.”