

Grace in Worship

- In the church some have thought that worship can only be acceptable if it is according to the word of God. And to worship incorrectly will condemn your soul to hell.
- That leads us to ask what is acceptable to God.
- Lets look at two stories in the Bible that may help answer this question.

Naaman – 2 Kings 5:1-19

- Lived during the time Elisha (892-832BC)
- Commander of the army of the King of Syria
- Wife has a slave girl who was obtained when Syria raided Israel
- Tells Naaman of the Prophet
- Sends a letter to the King of Israel in Samaria
- Elisha consoles the King
- Elisha tells Naaman what to do
- Naaman refuses until



Naaman asks two favors

- Two loads of dirt
- To forgive him for being in a pagan temple and participating in the service.
- Elisha did not correct him about the dirt
- God reads the heart and understands the circumstances

Hezekiah – 2 Chron 30:1-22

- Hezekiah was King of Judah reign began in 726-697BC
- Saw Israel being conquered by King Shalmaneser of Assyria.
- Assyria tried to conquer Judah, but by God's help it was saved while Hezekiah was King.
- Hezekiah took over when his father who did not follow God died.

Hezekiah

- 2 Chron 29:4-19 When became King he repaired and cleansed the temple. Task took 16 days beginning the 1st of the 1st month.
- Decided to re-establish Passover.
- 2 Chron 30:1-9 Sends out invitations to celebrate it in the 2nd month.



Rules of Passover

- 14th of the 1st month
- Head of family would purify themselves and kill the Lamb
- Everyone had to consecrate themselves.
- The violations – Vs 15-18a
- What God thinks of this celebration – 18b-22
- What is more important to God? Right hearts or correctness of worship.

But

- How about the stories like those of Nadab and Abihu, Ananias and Sapphires, Uzzah, Saul, the death of David's baby son.
- I am not saying we can do whatever we desire to worship God, but that our heart and love to God is most important. I believe God's Grace will cover our inadequacies. And we will always seek how to worship him better in our lives and in our worship.

Where do we begin?

- Rom 8:9 Must have the Spirit of Christ in us. Acts 2:38 tells us that happens when baptized into Christ.
- 1 John 1:7 If we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.