



**SERIES: JANUARY – BECOMING SPIRITUALLY FIT**

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**Scripture: Psalm 100**

**TITLE: Worthy of Worship**

This past summer I had the pleasure of taking a couple of my boys to a Garth Brooks concert at Memorial Stadium. Now, I'm not a big country western fan, but Garth puts on a concert second to none.

It was quite the spectacle. Nearly 100,000 people filled the stadium to see Garth rock the stage. When Garth appeared rising up in the middle of the stage, you would have thought we won the college football championship. The place erupted.

As we left the concert, we talked about what a good show it was. But we also felt sad because the majority of people worshipped creation instead of the creator.

This week we want to talk about worship. We are people who are confused about worship. We worship the wrong things. We don't know what worship is. So that's what we will talk about. Today, we want to discuss why we worship and more importantly why God is worthy alone of our worship.

Listen to what David writes in Psalm 100:3,5 (CSB).

*Acknowledge that the LORD is God. He made us, and we are his—his people, the sheep of his pasture.... For the LORD is good, and his faithful love endures forever; his faithfulness, through all generations.*

We find worship all around us. We worship sports teams, musicians, entertainers, smart phones, TVs, hobbies, and anything in between. You see, we worship through our attention and resources. But God alone is worthy of worship.

David says, "Acknowledge," or, "recognize," or, "get it right." The Lord is God. He made us. He is the creator. We are the creation. He is worthy because He has the power. We are not worthy, we are but sheep in the care of the good shepherd.

Now, as God's created order, all people are under God's eye but only those found in Christ are His sheep. We are under his care, correction, protection, and provision. He is our provider, therefore worthy of our worship.

Then in verse 5 David declares the Lord is good. Jesus said, "No one is good but God alone." This is because God is perfect. He is perfect in his mercy, justice, grace, and very being. David

says, "his faithful love endures forever." His lovingkindness, as my father says, is overwhelming. It is breathtaking. This is why we worship God.

Moses wrote for God "You shall have no other God's before me." Jesus declared that the greatest commandment was to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind." This is why we worship God alone.

So this is my challenge for you today: remove the idols. We all have idols that steal our worship. Most nights, I would rather play Fortnite or Zelda than spend a bit more time with God. I'd rather give money to a good event at the local theater or arena than give to a charity. I need to confess that sin to God, remove the idols, and give my worship to God.

Will you join me in getting back to worshipping our God? Would you interact with me in the comments below? What idols will you remove? How can we encourage you in the days ahead?

When we remove the idols and get back to worshipping our God, He will win the day!