

Carried Away

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Scripture: Proverbs 21:3; John 1:29; Hebrews 10:1, 3–4; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

Introduction

[When I was growing up, the time in big church was called the...]

Worship Service

[I never thought too much about why it was called that. Worship? What even is that?]

To worship **something** is to recognize something's **worth** *[or value]*.

To worship **someone** is to recognize someone's **worth** *[or value]*.

[From the beginning, the human race has been recognizing the worth, or value, of the gods. People looked to the gods to send rain for their crops, victory in battle, or health for their children. Their lives depended upon favor from the gods, so ancient worship was characterized by...]

Ancient Worship
Sacrifice

[They made sacrifices to gain the favor of the gods and keep them happy. The sacrifice was a bribe. The gods were holding all the cards, but...]

Ancient Worship
Figuring out **exactly** what the gods required was tricky.

[Fortunately, there were folks like me. Priests, or holy men, knew the secrets to keeping the gods happy. Usually the secrets were tied to keeping the priests happy. Ancient Jewish worship was similar, but with some important differences.]

Ancient **Jewish** Worship

[A sacrifice was not a bribe. The Jews had a covenant with God. It was written law instructing them on how to behave in the land that God was giving them and how to

