



**Worship Warning (Ecclesiastes 5:1-7)
Sunday, March 12, 2023 AVBC**

1. BE _____ (v.1a,7b)

The Sacrifice Of Fools = a _____ observance of worship totally detached from a genuine surrender of heart or change in lifestyle.

- _____ before you get to church
 - >Go...
 - >Gather...
 - >Get...
- Remove _____ while at church

2. BE _____ (v.1b)

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. (Deuteronomy 6:4,5) (also Matthew 13:9,43)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)

We gather in the presence of a _____ God as God's _____ people to listen to his _____ Word.

3. BE _____ (v.2-3,6-7)

It is dangerous to make a rash promise to God before counting the cost. (Proverbs 20:25)

4. BE _____ (v.4-5)

So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died. But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way. (1 Cor. 11:27-31) (NLT)

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: It has been said that it is always easier to get into something than out of something. Do you agree/disagree? Explain.

Q2: Read II Timothy 3:14-17. How do these verses emphasize that God's Word is more important than our words?

Q3: What do you think of the following quote on worship by A.W. Tozer?

"Worship is to feel in your heart and express in some appropriate manner a humbling but delightful sense of admiring awe and astonished wonder and overpowering love in the presence of that most ancient Mystery, that Majesty which philosophers call the First Cause, but which we call Our Father Which Are in Heaven."

Q4: Read Psalm 95. What does this passage teach you about worship and about listening?

Q5: What preparations do you make before coming to worship the Lord? What kinds of new things could you do to better prepare yourself to praise the Lord and hear from Him?

Q6: Read Proverbs 13:12. What does this very teach us about promise keeping?

Q7: What situation or crisis are you facing right now that the Lord may be telling you to slow down and seek His wisdom before you make a promise that you might regret later?

Q8: An old Hebrew proverb states- "Promise little and do much." How does that proverb apply to your life?