
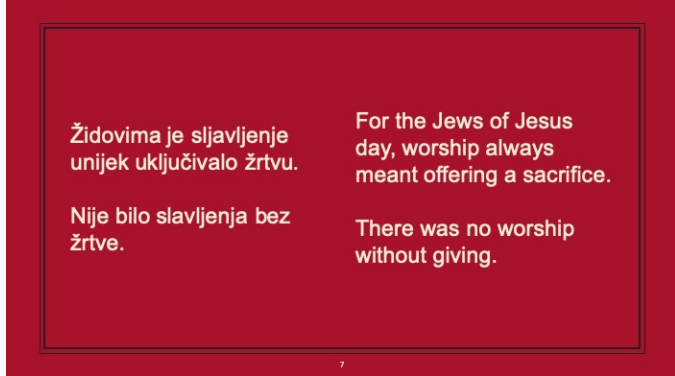


God blesses us when we worship him (John 12.1-11)

 <p>Život koji Bog blagoslivlja</p> <p>Bog nas blagoslivlja kada ga slavimo</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Series: life that God will bless. Several guest speakers, b- th- will be thread.</p> <p>TEXT</p> <p>Jn 12: story takes place after J raises Lazarus.</p>
 <p>Židovima je slavljenje unijek uključivalo žrtvu.</p> <p>Nije bilo slavljenja bez žrtve.</p> <p>For the Jews of Jesus day, worship always meant offering a sacrifice.</p> <p>There was no worship without giving.</p> <p>7</p> <p>Background: f- OT, NT writers, <i>worship = giving, offerings and sacrifices.</i></p>	<p>Worship always involved; Jews saw this as way of acknowledging th- God was source of <u>and owner</u> of everyth- that they owned.</p> <p>That realization: “These things don’t really belong to me, I haven’t earned the good things I’ve been given, b- gifts to me from God, given bec- grace & love”; th- realization is heart of worship.</p> <p>So: worship = giving.</p>
<p>Note four things Jn says about worship:</p> <p>Slavimo (We worship)</p> <p>Zašto? Slavimo zbog onoga što je Bog učinio za nas.</p> <p>Why? We worship because of what God has done for us.</p> <p>8</p> <p>FIRST, why do we worship? Vv 1-2: “Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor.”</p>	<p>Wh- is purpose of dinner? Celebrate wh J did.</p> <p>SAME WITH US: one reason we worship is bec- God has done something good for us. We celebrate in gratitude.</p> <p>Talked before about importance of gratitude, finding things to be grateful for. Always all around us, b- have to teach our hearts to look for.</p>

Slavimo (We worship)

Kako? Slavimo s poniznošću.

How? We worship with humility.

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SECOND, HOW do we worship? V 3: “Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair.”

HOW do we worship? We worship in humility.

As you picture the story, you see Mary at Jesus’ feet; posture of humility.

And if you know story of John, think ahead to chapter 13 (or look); wh- happens there?

Point: we don’t worship in pride, because we know we don’t deserve the good things God does for us. We have not earned, we are not worthy.

I can never look down my nose at another, “He doesn’t deserve.” Fact is that I don’t, I am only here by God’s grace, invitation. **Wedding feast**

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Power of the Lord’s Supper: it reminds us that we are sinners who need a savior, and God himself came to be that savior, make that sacrifice.

Only qualification f coming to worship is admitting that you are not worthy of being admitted, and accepting admission on basis of grace.

Slavimo (We worship)

Što donosimo u slavljenu? Slavimo Boga s najboljim što imamo.

What do we bring to worship? We worship God with the best things we have.

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THIRD, wh- do we bring when we worship? We bring our very best. V. 3 again: “Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair.”

As said a moment ago, worship = giving. There was no worship without sacrificing resources; money, food, produce, whatever wealth was.

Topic J spoke about more than any other: not hell, prayer, love; MONEY. Why? Bec- treasure = heart.

Bible has 500 vs about prayer, 500 about faith, more than 2,000 about money, possessions, giving.

Why? Because our hearts are idolatrous, and we tend to worship money and stuff.

Way to keep fr- worshipping stuff is to remember that God is the giver of all we have. Way to make sure we remember is to give and be generous.

Consistent picture: earliest ch- was generous, they gave. OT command to tithe not repeated in NT, b- practice of tithing was certainly repeated.

Why important? Part of worship, b- wh- benefit?

- Reminds us th- God is owner;
- Reminds us th- God is provider;
- Reminds us th- our lives are more than stuff.

Devil attacks Xian; your financial giving is an act of worship. Give wh- you are able; widow’s mites. Give out of love, expression of devotion to God.

Slavimo (We worship)

Što se događa kad slavimo? Slavljenje nas odvađa od svijeta koji nas okružuje.

What happens when we worship? Worship separates us from the world around us.

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FOURTH, wh- happens when we worship? Vv 4-5:

“One of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.”

Wh- happens? Worship separates us fr- world around us. There will always be people who do not share, reject; vv 9-11 also.

When you worship, when give, esp sacrificially, don’t be surprised th- people don’t understand, try to stop, etc. When we give, it separates us; some people don’t like being reminded, try to change.

Giving separates; is th- a bad thing? Somet-uncomfortable, b- ultimately good.

Here is the benefit: when we give, and it separates us fr- the world, we can finally see how big God really is. Focus our hearts on God’s greatness rather than the smallness of our things.

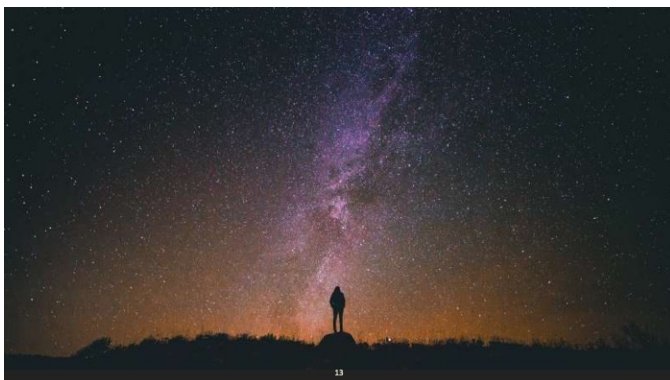


Know wh- this is? „Biggest 'selfie' ever taken: picture of earth, taken on February 14, 1990, by the [Voyager 1](#) spacecraft as it passed out of our solar system into deep space.

Can you see Earth?

How big is our God? 13.8 billion years ago he spoke, ever since guided & sustained. Think about THAT, it’s staggering.

To think th- a God so great would love you and me, want to know us, want to have fellowship with us.



Worship him because he has done good things for you.

Worship him bec- he loves you, became a man and died for you.

Worship him bec- he is great, and he is worthy.