

Isaiah 46:9

Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me.

Worship remind us of who Jesus is, not who we are.

With the Christmas season being over and as we reflect on all that we did for others and what was given to us. One thing we think about is what we received and who gave it to us, and as we do we are reminded how much others care about us.

We look at those wonderful gifts we receive from those who love us. Now, I am not talking about those expensive gifts, but ones that were given from the heart. Point in case, my youngest son who is 17, almost 18, gave me a bunch of cards that contained 100 Dad Jokes, because I am the king of dad jokes. Now you may think *“Oh how sweet.”* or wonder how that is so special. First off, it’s because my son knows me well enough to know my personality, and in fact everyone who I told that he gave these to me, laughed and rolled their eyes (in a funny way) knowing that this is me, and it is perfect for me.

“So what, he spent five buck of some cards with dad jokes on them?” You may be thinking. Yes to me it’s special, but there is something else I did not include, which was my son loves to draw, and on the package that he wrapped, he also drew a picture on it, which included *“thank you for spending Christmas with me”*, which I always do, but still just his thankfulness of knowing that his dad wanted to spend this time with him, meant everything to him. He is also the son that always says *“thank you for dinner”* to my wife (his step mom) all the time, and he drew a picture on her present as well, calling her *“mom”* which is very special.

Even my oldest son who is now in his early 40’s gave me a box of chocolate cover cherries for Christmas, which he wrapped up. He does this every year, and he has ever since he was a young boy. Now I wont get into the reason why, because it’s a special thing between my oldest son and me. But every year, it is a must for him to do, in his mind, but also in his heart.

Sometimes our kids can teach us spiritual lessons if we open our eyes and observe what’s happening around us. Didn’t Jesus say,

† ***Matthew 18:3-4 and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”***

In my opening statement I said *“Worship remind us of who Jesus is, not who we are.”* Yet how many times do we look to the Lord wanting from Him, instead of giving to Him?

This year Christmas was on a Sunday, and we had two Christmas Eve services at our church on Saturday. We also had one service on Christmas day, and the church was packed on Christmas day, because people made the day about the Lord Jesus Christ, Who we were celebrating. I am

also on the worship team, and I tell you, people were singing out loud and strong unto the Lord that Christmas morning in church, and they were doing it together as a family, not because they liked the songs, but because they were singing to Jesus, not for themselves.

As we are coming to the end of the year, let's not make a New Years resolution to spend more time in the word, praying and going to church, and having a more intimate relationship with the Lord after the first of the year. But rather, start it right now, today. Don't wait until the first of the year to love our Father God, and Savior Jesus Christ, do it today and everyday here on out!

- † **Psalm 71:14-15** *But I will hope continually, And will praise You yet more and more. My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness And Your salvation all the day, For I do not know their limits.*
- † **Psalm 9:1** *I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works.*
- † **Psalm 111:1** *Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.*
- † **Psalm 103:1-5 (NLT2)** *Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's!*