

Effect of Worship

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Worship isn't just a spiritual exercise that has no concrete effect on humanity. Worship is transformative. It changes the way we live. It changes our politics, our economy and even our psychology. For in worship, we encounter the God who transforms us, and makes us to reflect in our own lives His Goodness. Thus, our behaviour can show who we worship.

In Luke 10:25-37, we pick up the reality of the foregoing. The priest and the Levite were obviously not worshipping the God who is merciful and compassionate. For they couldn't show compassion to the victim of the brigands. They passed him by, they abandoned him because his wounds were foul. They couldn't see the man. They saw only his wounds.

But the Good Samaritan worshipped the God of compassion. He was able to see more than the man's foul wounds. He saw God's image. He saw the possibilities of the man. And he loved him because he himself has been loved by this God he sees and worships. That changed everything. It ended the deep acrimony between Jews and Samaritans.

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