

## Sermon Notes | Choose God Centered Worship - Deuteronomy 11 - 13

### 1. God Deserves Our Worship

*(Deuteronomy 11 – The Story That Shapes You)*

"It is your eyes that have seen every great act of the LORD" (11:7)

The Evidence of His Worth

- **Power:** God defeated Egypt and crushed Pharaoh's army (11:3–4)
- **Provision:** God faithfully sustained them in the wilderness (11:5)
- **Promise of Goodness:** God is bringing them into a land of His choosing (11:9, 21)

"You always worship the hero of your story."

- You were powerfully rescued—so **worship the Rescuer**
- You were faithfully provided for—so **trust the Provider**
- You were promised good—so **follow the Promise-Giver**

### 2. God Defines Our Worship

*(Deuteronomy 12 – The Community That Shapes You)*

"You shall seek the place that the LORD your God will choose... There you shall go." (12:5–6)

You become like the people you worship with

- Worship **achievement**? You'll surround yourself with driven achievers.
- Worship **status**? You'll curate your world around image and influence.
- Worship **security**? You'll cling to those who share your fears.

You become like the people you worship with

- Their faith **strengthens your weakness**
- Their joy **awakens your numbness**

- Their voices **anchor you in truth**

### 3. God Demands Our Worship

*(Deuteronomy 13 – The Habits That Shape You)*

"The LORD your God is testing you, to know whether you love Him with all your heart" (13:3)

Is God a narcissist?

Three Tests of Divided Loyalty

#### 1. The Prophet "Voice" Test *(Deut. 13:1–5)*

"Even if a prophet gives a sign or wonder... but says, 'Let us go after other gods,' you shall not listen..." (13:1–3)

- **The "Voice" Test:** What authoritative voices habitually shape your beliefs?

#### 2. The Relationship Test *(Deut. 13:6–11)*

"If your brother, your son or daughter, or your closest friend whispers, 'Come, let us worship other gods'... do not yield..." (13:6–8)

- **The Relationship Test:** What trusted relationships habitually shape your values?

#### 3. The Community Test *(Deut. 13:12–18)*

"If you hear that some wicked men... have led a town to serve other gods, you must investigate..." (13:12–14)

- **The Community Test:** What shared communities habitually shape your identity?

Worship is Binary

### Choose God-Centered Worship

#### **Deuteronomy 32:46–47**

"Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law. 47 For it is no empty word for you, but your very life."

We choose God-centered worship because:

- He **deserves it** – His story is your true story.

- He **defines it** – His people are your true community.
- He **demand**s it – His ways are your true path to life.

## Discussion Guide | Choose God Centered Worship - Deuteronomy 11 - 13

### **Read Deuteronomy 11**

- How does your opinion of God shape the way you worship Him?

### **Read Deuteronomy 12:5-7**

- Who gets to decide what worship is supposed to look like?
- How do you personally define worship?

### **Reflect on Deuteronomy 13**

This chapter introduces some of the costs that true worship may require.

- What in your life are you challenged to worship with, even though it costs you something?
- What are some ways you can make your worship more God-centered?