SERMON TITLE: "HAVING A TRANSFORMED MIND" PART IV: WORSHIP SERIES

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2 NIV

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WORSHIP SERIES RECAP

- Understanding the value of the three w's
- 1. Worship God-start each day with Worship
- 2. Walk with God-walk with God constantly each day and be sensitive to His voice in all things, hear Him speak to you through the Word of God

WORSHIP SERIES RECAP CONT'D

•3 Wait on God-God doesn't always speak or respond to you immediately. When God called Moses up to Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments. God waited 7 days before He spoke to Moses: Let's examine Exodus 34:28-29

SIX ESSENTIAL POINTS FROM OUR TEXT ROMANS 12:1-2

- We discover "Devotion is urged" (vs.1)
- 2. We are to "Present our bodies to God" (vs.1)
- 3. We are to "Be not conformed to this world" (vs.1)

SIX ESSENTIAL POINTS FROM OUR TEXT ROMANS 12:1-2

- 4. We are to "Be Transformed" (vs.2)
- 5. We are to "Renew our minds (vs.2)
- 6. We are to "Prove that Good and Acceptable will of God" (vs.2)

ADDRESS THE FINAL THREE POINTS 4,5,6

1. A Transformed Mind-We need to understand that Satan's battle with us starts in the mind. He attacked Eve in the garden in her mind. Satan always is tossing fiery dots at your mind. Phil. 2:5 tell us "let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus''.

THE WORD TRANSFORMED

•The word transformed in the Greek is (metamorphousthe). The Greek root of the word is morphe. It means the real being of a man. The inseparable unchanging shape of a man. We are transformed within our inner person. Transformation only occurs by obeying and putting the Word of God into practice on a daily basis.

A RENEWED MIND

- •2. A Renewed Mind- The mind is renewed by the presence and the image of Christ in the life of the believer.
- •Only Christ can change the believer's mind to focus on God. John 3:3-8, 2 Cor. 5:17

A RENEWED MIND CONT'D

- •Matthew 22:37 "Jesus said unto him, Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."
- •We are to keep our mind on spiritual things and not carnal things
- •Romans 8:5-6

THE REASON WE DON'T HAVE PEACE

- The reason we don't have peace might have more to do with us being carnally minded than anything else.
- 2 Cor. 10:3-5 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

WE MUST PROVE THE PERFECT AND ACCEPTABLE WILL OF GOD

- •3 The reason as believers we are to be transformed is extremely significant. We must prove the perfect and acceptable Will of God.
- •Prove in the Greek is (dokimazo) the word prove means both to find and to follow God's will.

PROVE THE PERFECT AND ACCEPTABLE WILL OF GOD

- 1. How can a person ever find or discover or know the will of God?
- 2. How can a person ever follow or obey or do the will of God?

PROVE THE PERFECT AND ACCEPTABLE WILL OF GOD

 The only conceivable way a person can ever find and follow God's will is to focus and keep his or her mind upon God and upon the things of God. You learn a song by listening to the song over and over again and by singing the song. This is called choir rehearsal.

PROVE THE PERFECT AND ACCEPTABLE WILL OF GOD

- •All of us need to go to rehearsal in the privacy of our home to put God's Word into practice.
- When you car is out of alignment you ruin your tires.
- Some of us are out of spiritual alignment

THE BENEFITS OF MEDITATION ON THE WORD OF GOD

- •When we meditate upon the Word of God there is a threefold benefit of doing so:
- 1. We acquire the **good** (Agathon) in the Greek which is the beneficial, rich, bountiful, suitable moral will of God

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- 2. We acquire the **Acceptable** (euareston) in the Greek which is the pleasing, satisfactory, welcomed will God
- 3. We acquire the **Perfect (teleion)** in the Greek which is without error, or mistake, flawless, complete, absolute, free, from defect, free from any need, short of nothing, completely fulfilled.