

## **Sermon Notes with Pastor's Teaching Tool**

**RE-THINK – WORSHIP**

**Worshipping Warriors (Part IX)  
November 6, 2022**

**Psalm 149:1-9 (v. 4-5)**

**<sup>4</sup> For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.**

**<sup>5</sup> Let saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.**

**WATCH YOURSELF!!**

## Teaching Purpose

Answers the question, “How should I understand this verse?” Is the passage dealing with a:

<b>S</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>S</b>
<u>Sin</u> to confess and forsake?	<del><u>Promise</u> to claim?</del>	<del><u>Example</u> to follow?</del>	<u>Command</u> to obey?	<del><u>Situation</u> or <u>State of mind</u> to avoid before it develops into a sin?</del>

## Sermonic Principle(s)

Answers the question, “What’s in it, or what’s the takeaway for me?”

I) **IDENTITY is EVERYTHING!!!**

II) For the **INDIVIDUAL** and for the **INSTITUTION**

**IDENTITY** ... gives birth to both Mission and Message!

III) As CHRISTIANS... **THE WORD OF GOD** clearly declares exactly WHO we are:

A) **We are:** Worshippers and Warriors

Salt and Light

A Choir and An Army

The Elect of GOD and The Temple of GOD

HIS People and HIS Sheep

B) At every age and stage, we are **sheep** because by nature (like **sheep**)

we are stiff-necked and stubborn

we prefer our own way

we are self-determined and self-destructive

we always turn to our own way **Isaiah 53:6**

we always pursue a path that seems right, but leads to death

**Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25**

IV) In spite of our natural inclinations, the GOOD / GREAT / and GRACIOUS SHEPHERD says in **John 14:6**

**I AM** THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE. **No One** comes to **THE FATHER** but by and through **ME**.

V) In spite of HIS **INVITATION....**

**We refuse** to come to HIM,  
to follow HIM, or  
to be led by HIM

**We choose** to remain in the Broken Homes  
with the Broken Hearts and  
with the Broken Lives  
that we have **created!**

VI) In the Midst of such madness, the **Master Shepherd** says in **Matthew 16:24**

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**

He establishes the **pivot point** in the CHRISTIAN Journey!!! As HIS PEOPLE and HIS SHEEP, we will choose to go ON WITH HIM or go BACK FROM HIM. **The Key** is the **COST ....** **“DENY SELF”**

## **Action Point**

Having heard and understood this teaching, answers the question, “What should I do?”

**LIVE LIKE IT !!!**

### I) **“DENY SELF”**

A) - is the **pre-condition** to **Growth / Discipleship / and Faithfulness**

B) - very **FEW** (if any) ever follow **HIM...FAITHFULLY** for any period of time

C) - **EASY...to SAY!**  
**HARD...to DO!**

II) **“DENY SELF”**

A) - meaning **INSTEAD** of LOVING SELF... **MOST**

LOVE CHRIST... **BEST**

LOVE OTHERS... **More than SELF**

B) - meaning **LOVE** as a DELIBERATE ACT of Your Will...like

The LJC **LOVES / LOVED...** **SACRIFICALLY!!**

C) - meaning **LOVE...** **SACRIFICALLY!!** (selflessly)

Your WIFE

Your CHILD

Your FAMILY

Your NEIGHBOR

Your COMMUNITY

### III) **“DENY SELF”**

A) - ABANDON The Attitude / State of Mind that **says:**

**“ME FIRST”!!** ... **Luke 9:57-61**

B) - ABANDON The Attitude / State of Mind that **says** ... **Luke 22:54-62**

**“I’ll Go ALONG...to...Get ALONG”!!** ...

## AND JUST

**LIVE LIKE IT !!!**