

Laws of Worship
Deuteronomy 12:29-32
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Thesis: I want to remind us about who decides how God is to be worshipped.

- Intro:
1. In worship man has attempted time and time again to change worship of God into what man wants and not what God has commanded.
 2. We find commands about worship throughout the Bible, never once has man been the authority behind it.

I. Idols Worship Vs Worship of the True God

- A. Idol Worship is not like Worship of the True God
 1. Destruction of false idols & idol worship (**v.1-3**)
 2. Worship of God is unlike idol worship (**v.4**)
- B. God's prescribed Worship
 1. What to do & where (**v.5-7,9-12**)
 2. Commanded not to do as they were currently doing (**v.8**)
 3. Worship could not just be done anywhere (**v.13-14**)

II. Follow Him and not Man.

- A. Follow Him
 1. God reminds the people to obey Him. (**v.28**)
 2. This means you do not follow others, but His commands alone.
- B. They are warned not to do as others have done.
 1. Do not seek to be like the unbelieving idol worshippers (**v.29-30**)
 2. Every form of their worship is wrong! (**v.31**)
 3. They are commanded to follow God's commands and not to add or take anything away from it (**v.32**).

III. Lessons for us today.

- A. God decides how He is to be worshipped.
 1. God does things differently than man (**Isa 55:8**).
 2. The inspired apostles remind us to obey God and not man (**Acts 5:29**).
- B. Man has no authority in what man is to do in spiritual matters.
 1. God sets the standard, man is to follow it (**v.32**).
 2. We are to follow Christ's doctrine and not the law or ideas of man (**2 John 1:9**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Man commits sin and rejects God's authority when man attempts to change ANYTHING in the church including worship.
2. If we are to please God man cannot set the standard for what is right and wrong. (**Gal 1:10**)
3. Only God has that authority! (**Mt 28:18**)
4. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9