

WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP

JOSHUA 8:30-35

“Then Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, in Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the sons of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of uncut stones on which no man had wielded an iron tool; and they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings. He wrote there on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written, in the presence of the sons of Israel. All Israel with their elders and officers and their judges were standing on both sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, the stranger as well as the native. Half of them stood in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had given command at first to bless the people of Israel. Then afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the book of the law. There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel with the women and the little ones and the strangers who were living among them.” (Joshua 8:30–35)

1. He is worthy of our worship because at Ebal we stand _____ in our sin by the law of God, vs. 30-33.

A. We are condemned by the _____ of God.

“What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, “YOU SHALL NOT COVET.” But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead. I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died; and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me; for sin, taking an opportunity through the



commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, so that through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful.” (Romans 7:7–13)

B. We are condemned because of personal _____.
Deuteronomy 27:15-26; 28:15-68

2. He is worthy of our worship because at the altar we stand _____ from our sin by the blood of another.

A. The _____ of the Altar---at Mt Ebal---the mount of judgment.

B. The _____ upon the Altar---innocent sacrifice.

C. The _____ from the Altar---We have been cleansed and now have peace with God.

3. He is worthy of our worship because at the ark we stand in _____ with Holy God because of His mercy and grace. *The Ark of God represents...*

A. The _____ of God.

*“**There I will meet with you**; and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, **I will speak to you** about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel.” (Exodus 25:22)*

B. The _____ with God.

“You shall put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you. “You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold, two and a



half cubits long and one and a half cubits wide. “You shall make two cherubim of gold, make them of hammered work at the two ends of the mercy seat. “Make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat at its two ends. “The cherubim shall have their wings spread upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings and facing one another; the faces of the cherubim are to be turned toward the mercy seat. “You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony which I will give to you.”
(Exodus 25:16–21, NASB95)

C. The _____ of God.

*“having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, **in which was a golden jar holding the manna**, and Aaron’s rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant;”* (Hebrews 9:4)

D. The _____ or law of God.

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E. The _____ of God.

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4. He is worthy of our worship because at Gerizim we stand _____ to God to serve and obey Him.

A. Gerizim is a place of _____.



B. Gerizim is a place of _____.

My Response:

“Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!”
(2 Corinthians 13:5, ESV)

“But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.”
(1 Corinthians 11:28–29)

Answers: condemned, law, sin, cleansed, placement, presentation, proclamation, communion, presence, peace, provision, precepts, power, consecrated, privilege, plenty.