

Worship is a Way of Life

ha-êmeq — 1 Tim 3:15 — “I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.” You can really see what he expects the church to be: the pillar and foundation of the truth. He is trying to get Timothy to understand how important the community is and what a witness it is. Verse 16 — “This is very profound, very deep. Are you getting this, Timothy?”

Of course we were taught this meant how you had to behave in Sunday school.

Mal 1:11 expresses the life, how the community must be in every town outside the boundaries of old Israel (verse 5) — then Paul got a hold of this and understood Acts 26:7. The twelve tribes in his day were serving, worshipping all day.

You can hardly distinguish worship and serving. Our service is worship. Worship is a way of life. It’s not just in the pews.

Of course we worship when we come here to the gathering, but when we leave from here we also worship as we serve by the strength He supplies. If we serve in our own strength, we wear out in time, because we aren’t continually being renewed.

We all serve in our own way. A lot of us serve like the bone and marrow. It holds the body together. You hardly see it. It’s way down there. You might see what the hand does, but without the bone and marrow the hand couldn’t do anything.

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