

## **A Great Day in the Kingdom – 8/2/24**

Years ago I received an invitation to attend a worship seminar led by Mercy Me. If one attended this seminar, a free ticket to Six Flags was included. Having nothing to lose and a very low expectation, I drove to Arlington, Texas and entered one of the park theaters. Although the seminar was relatively interesting, the question-answer segment was fascinating.

One of the church workers asked about fans getting consumed with the music and musicians more than their original intent to provide worshipful music. The lead singer spoke up and described the guitarist's problem with women being attracted to him. He then shared that this gentleman asked to play unlit.

As the questions kept coming, the answers were reinforced time and time again with prioritizing a worshipful experience. Therein lies the rub; the worship experience differs just as people differ. Everyone has an opinion. Some folks like contemporary, while others enjoy traditional. As long as God is worshipped and we honor the Savior, the rest is simply framed by milieu.

The challenge comes when someone decides that the worship they enjoy is the only legitimate worship experience. God can be worshipped in many styles. As long as we center ourselves on His truth and submit completely to God's will and petition in prayer and focus, along with praise and community, we have worshipped.

**Psalm 63:1-4, O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You; as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory. Because Your steadfast Love is better than life, my lips will praise You. So I will Bless You as long as I live; in Your name I will lift my hands.**

Worship is a privilege and a blessing from God and to God, through Christ, our Savior. Have a Blessed Week! Love Y'all!

Pastor Joel

**PRAYER: Heavenly Father, Thank You for the gift of worship. Thank You for Loving us and sending the Savior to save us. Help us to worship and focus on Your power, love and glory. May we honor You. In the name of the risen Christ Jesus we Pray! AMEN!!!**