

## WHEN WORSHIP SEEMS RISKY

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sc. **01**

True worship may sometimes become uncomfortable or even risky because it requires doing God's will, not ours. His instructions and preferences should be considered, not ours. Jesus said, "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" (John 6:38).

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During the time of the Israelites, three times a year, all men appeared before the Lord to worship. It would require them to risk their land, leaving it behind, surrounded by covetous and belligerent tribes. But God promised them that "neither will any man covet your land when you go up to appear before the Lord your God three times in the year" (Exodus 34:23-24).

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It would be apparently safer to stay in their place to protect it. After all, what would prevent their enemies from rushing upon these unprotected houses and ravaging them with fire and sword? But God has promised them protection, as He now promises blessings to those who take risks by keeping the Sabbath or returning the tithe! The Israelites knew that God's promises could only be fulfilled if they would have all their sins confessed and followed His directions.

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Imagine thousands of Israelites heading to the Holy Convocation in Jerusalem, singing, "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain" (Psalm 127:1).

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True worship requires doing God's will, even when it seems unsafe. It may not seem safe to keep the Sabbath or to return tithes and offerings sometimes faithfully. But the highest safety can only be found when we are in God's hands, trusting in Him and obeying His directions. In all circumstances of life, may we put our desires last and God first.