***Seven Mountain Principles #4*** 5-22-22

*Bottom Line: God is worshipped when we seek him.*

**Introduction:**

 A. If we still had arranged marriages, would your parents have picked the same spouse you did?

 B. The process of meeting, dating, falling in love, & marriage

 C. Relationships only happen with intention and effort.

 D. Seekers want a relationship with God. That is what it means to be a seeker! That is what pleases God!

 E. Jesus is guiding us as we seek to know and please God.

 F. Do you know what it is called when you and I seek a deeper relationship with God? Worship.

 G. ***Seven Mountain Principle #4: God is worshipped when we seek him.***

 1. Proverbs 11 *“The Lord detests people with crooked hearts, but he delights in those with integrity.”*

 2. Matt.6:1 *“Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.”*

 3. John 4, Jesus talks w/ the woman at the well. He connects seeking and worshipping.

 H. God is worshipped when/as we seek him. Jesus tells us how and what God is looking for.

**1. There is no relationship without talking!** (6:5-15)

 A. Prayer/talking must be personal – not seen by others!

 B. It must be specific! He models it for us!

 C. Essential to our relationship w/ him! Vs.14-15

**2. There is no relationship without focus!** (6:16-18)

 A. Fasting was a long cultural practice to help focus!

 B. The principle: Do without to focus on God! Oft ignored!

 C. When and how? Not a show but private. Like Jesus did!

**3. There is no relationship without prioritizing!** (2-4; 19-24)

 A. Giving, sharing, & sacrificing = personal & private!

 \* YOU MATTER TO ME!

 B. A spiritual investment! Grow & learn but think eternal!

 C. There can only be ONE MASTER! Relational priority!

**Conclusion:**

A. So, where are you on this journey to have a relationship with God?

B. Check the requirements: Talking? Focusing? Giving?

C. The key is the process, the journey, the walk…

D. God was seeking Moses, but he wasn’t seeking God!

 \* An 80 year process. Doubts, wonders, & questions.

 \* After time with God, he became a seeker, loved by God in spite of his mistakes.

E. You only worship God when you are seeking him!