

what is acceptable worship?

- receiving his kingdom
- reverence
- awe

- a contrast to the instability of this world
- our stability is the promise of receiving this kingdom

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,

and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.

Fire is used to depict God's character and power:

- purification
- judgement
- all consuming
- a warning
- Holy Spirit = Fire

for our God is a consuming fire

Hebrews 12:28-29

reverence = our spirit is marked by Godly fear (proverbs 1:7)

awe = a state of responding to God's Holy presence

A reflection of priestly service. We are to bring our bodies to God's altar. A sacrifice is brought to the altar alive

because of the mercy God has shown us

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,

- A decision for holiness
- Yielding to the work of holiness in our lives
- Our life is made holy through sanctification

which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world,

to be shaped by a pattern or mold

but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing

an internal change to become like Christ

you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and

as we are being transformed, that inward change will start to reflect itself outward

acceptable and perfect.

How? By the "renewal of your mind":

- understanding God's will and truth
- Prayer and Scripture
- Truth over feelings
- being conformed to God

Romans 12:1-2

- remembering the mercies of God
- Spiritual worship
 - A life of worship
 - Hebrews 12:28-29 "offering acceptable worship"
- being transformed

Jesus is revealing his authority

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give

Labor - those of us who take up burdens

Heavy Laden - those of us who have burdens placed upon us

you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am

gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

peace

- Jesus' nature revealed
- Revealing he is qualified to take our burdens.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

we must be willing to be guided by Christ

