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Adoration + 1 Question

*“Through thick and thin, keep your hearts and attention,
in adoration before Christ, your Master.”*

The Message 1 Peter 3: 13-18

*“Worship is the active part of **Adoration** ... while **Adoration** ...
is the quiet side of Worship.”*

Anonymous

*“Jesus **adored** His Father. The evidences in the Scriptures are too numerous to cover. The Book of John is where I’m affected by it the most.*

There was just such a companionable relationship between the two of them. Although ... the “words” in John are powerful ... often the “words” themselves are not necessary.

I love slowly reading through John 17 ... stopping often and just ... feeling what was going on. The only word that fits that to me is ... “adoration” ... the word “worship” just doesn’t seem to do it in that context.

Rather there’s a special togetherness between Jesus and His Father there ... that to me defies any words, images, anything. It’s hard to explain.”

Pastor Pete Fischer
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C.S. Lewis once opined, “ ... for those who encountered Jesus, one of only three reactions occurred: hatred - terror - or adoration. There was no trace of people expressing mild approval.”

Sadly today, many have lost that sense of adoration ... for what I like to refer to as the most unproductively productive act possible for a Christian.

Rather countless believers, including many of us ministers, gauge our success in both the ministry and in personal growth in holiness by our productivity.

On a worldly basis ... adoration is anything but a productive exercise. Yet adoration is such a simple thing ... but it is very hard to do. Today we are so often too busy for it ... and as Oswald Chambers once said, “we no longer know how to sit in our room and be quiet.”

Elizabeth of Hungary once remarked, “Adoration. This is a word from heaven. It seems to me that it could be defined as an ecstasy of love. It is a love overwhelmed by the beauty, the strength, the immense grandeur of the Beloved. It falls into sort of a swoon, into a full deep silence, the silence David spoke of when he cried out, ‘silence is thy praise’.”

Madam (Jeanne) Guyon (17th. century) gives us what I see as her definition of adoration: she calls it “beholding the Lord” ... an act of coming to wait on Him **with the express purpose of simply being with Him** ... nothing more.

“I love her more than life itself ... and I’m not going to allow her to live a life of loneliness without me ... ”

Edward (Moose) Krause
1985

1 Question: *“Lord Jesus, You know that I want to become more like You. What would You have me do following this retreat regarding Adoration?”*