



Study Guide for God's Frat Party: **Proskuneo**

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ADVANCED

(to be used alongside with 101 level study guide)

Dig In

(1) Read Exodus 4:29-31 and 2 Chronicles 7:1-3. What do these two stories tell us about physical postures often associated with worship? We realize that God cares more about the heart than outward appearance, but what are some reasons that certain physical actions can guide our internal attitudes?

(2) Read 1 Samuel 15:1-23. What was God's specific instruction to Saul? What was Saul's decision? Did Saul think he had obeyed God? What rationalization did Saul make for his disobedience? What do we learn about true worship? **BACKGROUND:** We may find it hard to understand the severity of God's judgment on the Amalekites, but we can take comfort in the truth of 1 Timothy 2:3-4 "God our Savior ... wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

(3) Read Exodus 20:3-6 and Matthew 4:8-10. How does the devil tempt us to false worship? What are some modern day examples of worshipping idols? **BACKGROUND:** Though the concept of God punishing the children for the sins of the fathers may seem unfair, real life is full of examples of sinful lifestyle choices which harm later generations. Keep in mind the poetic language that emphasizes that God's blessing to a "thousand generations" far outweighs punishment.

Work On

From the story of King Saul and the prophet Samuel - what is an area of your life that God is asking for full obedience, but you are tempted to partial obedience? If God could send a Samuel to you right now, what message would he give for you?

Another Step

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