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A Weekly Devotional from the
South Green Street Church of Christ

Excuse Me Lord, Do You Mind...?

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God has been dethroned. Man has mustered the nerve to ask God to get up off his throne and let someone else sit in his seat. No longer is God viewed as sovereign, because someone has taken his place. Who am I talking about? I'm talking about the non-Christian, the man in the world, or as church growth people refer to him, "unchurched Harry."

You don't think God has been asked to evacuate his throne? How has God's sovereignty been ignored? Consider...When we care more about how the world views our worship service than how God views it, we have dethroned God. When we introduce activities into worship which are pleasing to the world, but fail to consider if those actions are pleasing to God, we have dethroned God. When we survey our neighborhoods to discover what they want in an effort to get them to come to church, but fail to survey God's word to discover what he wants, we have dethroned God.

Friends, why should we, God's children, allow a secular society that knows little to nothing about genuine spirituality dictate to us how we should worship our Heavenly Father? As much as we should love the world and desire their salvation, we must remember that worship is not about "unchurched Harry." It's not directed toward "unchurched Harry." And it doesn't necessarily have to please "unchurched Harry."

May we never dare to unseat God and place man in his throne. God is sovereign! Now let's be sure and act like it.