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"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)

Views From The Pews

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While growing up, worship was not always what it should have been, at least for me personally. I would occasionally find myself day-dreaming about some deranged terrorist who would enter the building, holding everyone hostage. But because of my daring heroics, the day would be saved. About that time, the final "Amen" would be said, and I would go home having fulfilled my weekly obligation.

But had I? Well, of course not. And while your imagination may not be as wild as mine, I'm sure that you share in common the potential to be distracted from truly worshiping God.

So, what can we do to avoid this pitfall? For starters, how about bringing your Bible to church with you and look up and read the Scriptures that are quoted. This will help keep your mind wandering to deranged terrorists. Second, remember that the primary aim of worship is not to receive something, but to give something. We are not the audience, God is. The purpose of worship is not to be entertained, but to pay homage and honor to God for who he is and what he has done.

Whether you realize it or not, worship is vital to your relationship with God, so do your best to get it right!