

How to Worship

- *But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."* Jn. 4:23-24
- Must understand “*spirit and truth*”
- Sometimes easier to see by looking at the negative **worshiping without spirit and truth**

How NOT to Worship God

- Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and **offered profane (strange / unauthorized) fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them.** 2 So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them, and **they died before the Lord.** 3 And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the Lord spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me **I must be regarded as holy**; And before all the people **I must be glorified.**'" Lev 10:1-3
- When they died all Israel knew they had failed to honor God in a powerful way. What did they do?

What Was the Problem?

- Offered profane (strange / unauthorized) fire which He had not commanded them.
- **A common problem**
- *By faith Abel offered to God **a more excellent sacrifice** than Cain, Heb. 11:4*
- ***faith comes by hearing**, and hearing by **the word of God**. Rom. 10:17*
- *the Lord our God broke out against us, because **we did not consult Him about the proper order.**" 1Chron. 15:13*

The Deeper Problem

- By those who come near me *I must be regarded as holy*
- Before all the people *I must be glorified.*
- The relationship of awe, reverence, and respect must be maintained.
- He is the Creator we are the creatures.
- If we elevate our wisdom above His we are not regarding him as holy and we are not glorifying.

In Vain Do they Worship Me

- *Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people **draw near with their mouths** And **honor Me with their lips**, But have **removed their hearts far from Me**, And their **fear (reverence) toward Me is taught by the commandment of men**, Isa. 29:13*
- *Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 "These people **draw near to Me with their mouth**, And **honor Me with their lips**, But their heart is far from Me. 9 And **in vain they worship Me**, **Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**"" Mt 15:7-9*

If We Truly Want to Worship

- We need to know what we are doing.
- We need to know why we are doing it.
- We need to have the verses in our heart.
- By the faith that comes by hearing the specific verses God has given for each act of worship.
- We must do exactly what God has asked.
- Anything more or anything less destroys reverence and nullifies to worship making it vain.

Singing

- *Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, Eph. 5:18-19*
- *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Col. 3:16*
- How do we respond by faith?

Genuine Singing

- *Be filled with the Spirit.*
- *Let the word of Christ dwell richly in all wisdom*
- *teaching and admonishing one another*
- *speaking to one another*
- *in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing*
- *and making melody in your heart to the Lord,*
- *with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

Singing in Spirit and Truth

- By faith we offer to God more excellent singing!
 - We must not offer “*strange*” “*unauthorized*” singing
 - We must seek Him about the proper order.
 - We must regard Him as Holy
 - We must glorify Him as God
 - Our fear and reverence must not be man’s command
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- This is why we don’t use musical instruments
 - This is why we only sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.
 - This is why we don’t have choirs, solos

Psalms

- Ps 1 - 573 I shall not be Moved
- Ps 23 71-74 The Lord's My Shepherd
- Ps 19: 35 An Evening Prayer
- Ps 100 66 All People That on Earth Do Dwell
- Ps 148 77 Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah
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- Not enough to just sing the song! To be filled with the Spirit we must learn the Psalm and make melody with it in our hearts.

Hymns

- 59 Holy Holy Holy
- 1A How Great Thou Art
- 196 Glory to His Name
- 668 Our God He is Alive
- 216 A Mighty Fortress
- 250 The Great Redeemer
- 452 Wonderful Grace of Jesus
- We need to learn the verses that give meaning and emotion to the Hymn

Hymns

- 19 All Hail the Power
- 5 Worthy Art Thou
- 17 Revive us Again
- 664 On Zion's Glorious Summit
- 67 Praise God
- 11 Praise Him! Praise Him!
- We need to learn the verses that give meaning and emotion to the Hymn

Spiritual Songs

- 53 Purer in Heart
- 239 Peace Perfect Peace
- 120 The Solid Rock
- 656 Blest Be the Tie that Binds
- 437 Where Could I Go?
- 111 Yield Not to Temptation
- We need to learn the verses that give meaning and emotion to the spiritual song

Spiritual Songs

- 528 Seeking the Lost
- 452 Wonderful Grace of Jesus
- 425 Beyond the Sunset
- 403 No Tears in Heaven
- 462 Lead Me Gently Home
- 112 Angry Words O Let Them Never

First Song Recorded in Scripture

- *I will sing to the Lord,*
- *For He has triumphed gloriously!*
 - *The horse and its rider*
 - *He has thrown into the sea!*
- *2 The Lord is my strength and song,*
 - *And He has become my salvation;*
 - *He is my God, and I will praise Him;*
 - *My father's God, and I will exalt Him.*

First Song Recorded in Scripture

- First generation/Eyewitnesses knew the song.
- They could sing it without any other information.
- Subsequent Generations would need more!
- How can we sing this song in Spirit
- if our heart is not filled with the Spirit
- If the word is not dwelling in us richly with all wisdom?
- Unless we understand the experiences and feelings felt by those present we can sing the melody but will always struggle with the melody.

First Song Recorded in Scripture

- Ex 14:30-31; 15:1-2
- *So the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 Thus Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done in Egypt; so the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord and His servant Moses. 1 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord,*
- With this information the song means more!

Making a Connection

- [Col 3:16](#) *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. In all wisdom*
- [Eph 5:19](#) *speaking to one another with the Spirit*
- [Col 3:16](#) *singing with grace in your hearts unto God*
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