

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: David Key

Opening Prayer: Josh Berryhill

On the Table: Head - Billy Box
Servers - Bradley Box
Ralph Burleson
Greg Lowery

Closing Prayer: Charles Berryhill

Preparing the Lord's Supper Katie Berryhill

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Elders: Deacons: Al Corkren / Josh Berryhill

Leonard Key / David Key

Billy Box / Eddie Dickinson

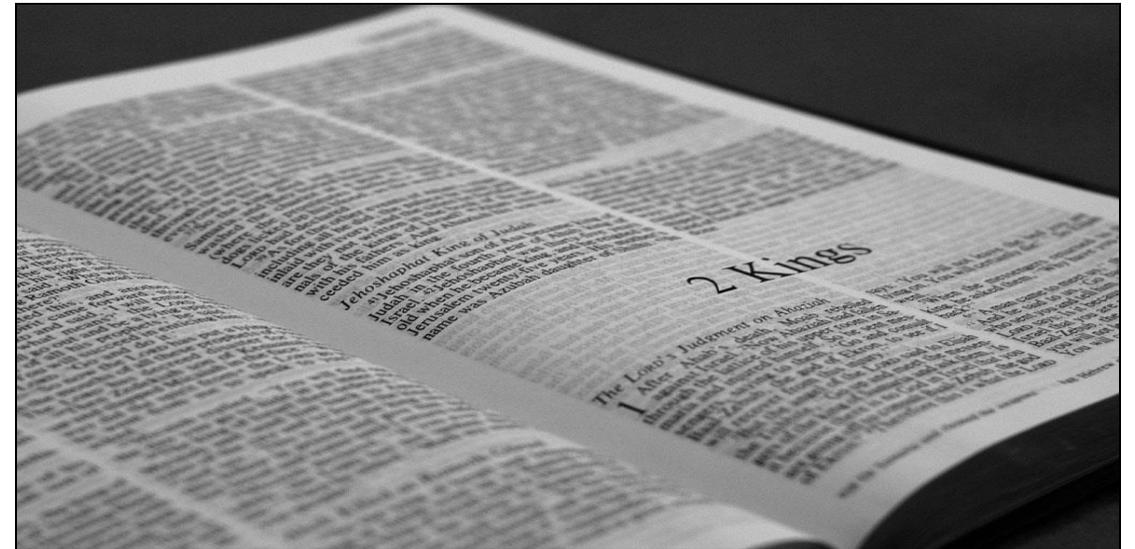
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A Light In A Time Of Darkness



*The
Brilliant
Beacon*



The Nature of Worship

By Dan Jenkins

It is often easy to lose sight of the very nature of worship and the result of this robs us of one of the great blessings God has for us. Before reading any more of this article stop and ask yourself, “Why do I come to worship each week?” There may be many reasons, but what is the fundamental, underlying reason you come to worship each week?

If you think first in terms of, “I do it because He commands me to,” perhaps you should think more about it. Did not Jesus describe those who “...draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me”? We do come to worship because He commands us, but if that is the primary reason, we are robbing ourselves of the true meaning of worship. Think about the following verses and my comments about them.

Psalm 100:2: “Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.” Notice how godly men came to worship realizing that this was the place, above all others, where we are “in His presence.” We come with gladness and praise before Him. In worship we are truly in His presence.

Psalm 95:2: “Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.” Notice the plural pronouns in this verse. It is not a private time of praise David had in mind. It was “us” who came before Him in His presence. The next verse sheds even more reasons as to why we come to worship. “For the Lord is the great God, and the great King above all gods.” We should stand in awe that this great God would so graciously allow sinful men to come into His presence.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2: “Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools...let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; therefore let your words be few.” Every aspect of worship is important, but in most acts we are actively involved. However, God designed worship as a time when by preaching He would speak to us! We are in His presence and should come motivated to hear His words.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

April Tidwell Dawson: she has recently been diagnosed with stomach cancer; please be praying that this cancer will be defeated with successful treatments

Angie Ganey Gardner: fighting against breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Tommy Housh: diagnosed with bladder cancer, please pray that they will be able to successfully defeat this cancer

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Ruth Addison: ongoing health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Glynda Long: she is fighting stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Don Lawrence: is recovering from a recent stroke, please be praying that there will be no long term complications or any further problems

Eddie Dickinson: recovering from recent colon surgery, let’s be praying that he makes a full recovery with no complications

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Celia Grace Hamlett, daughter of Gary and Kassie Hamlett, was diagnosed with MLD(Metachromatic Leukodystrophy); planning on gene replacement treatment; please pray that these treatments will be successful.

Karen Chaffin: has had fainting spells, please pray that the doctors can determine what is wrong and that she will have no serious problems

Pray for all those dealing with COVID especially those of the household of faith.

Pam Braden: she is dealing with some ongoing health problems, please pray that those working with her can help her

Psalm 100:1-4: "Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name."

Worship is not just "making a payment" on a heavenly insurance policy. We do not come just to obey Him. Worship comes from hearts which long to praise Him in His presence.

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Christians Should Pray For . . .

STRENGTH IN TEMPTATION
Matthew 26:41; 6:23



WISDOM & UNDERSTANDING
James 1:5-7



PHYSICAL BLESSINGS
Matthew 6:11



LABORERS FOR THE LORD'S HARVEST
Matthew 9:38



UNITY
John 17:20-21



FORGIVENESS
Matthew 6:12



PEACE
1 Timothy 2:1-2

How the Church Worships

PRAYER

- Acts 2:42
- Acts 12: 5
- 1 Timothy 2:1

SINGING

- Vocal
- Ephesians 5:19
- Colossians 3:16
- 1 Corinthians 1:21

PREACHING

- Teaching
- Acts 20:7
- Galatians 1:6-8
- 1 Corinthians 1:21

LORD'S SUPPER

- Weekly
- Acts 20:7
- Luke 22:19-20
- 1 Corinthians 11:24-25

GIVING

- 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7



*"God is a Spirit:
and they that
worship him
must worship
him in spirit
and in truth."
John 4:24*



Right or Wrong?

By Robert Johnson

Someone once said, “More people might do right if we could convince them that doing right is sinful.” Sometimes, it seems there is a measure of truth in this statement. There are many who run to sin, to fulfill its lusts and have their desires gratified. This thought is expressed time and again in the expression, “But everyone else is doing it; why can’t I?”

We tend to equate popularity with approval. So many people doing something, permitting something or consenting to something can’t be wrong. Or can they? King Ahab of Israel had 400 prophets to act as his “yes men,” to justify his desire to do as he pleased. When asked if there was a prophet of God who could be consulted, Ahab responded, “There is still one man who can ask the Lord, but I hate him because he never prophesies good about me, but only disaster” (1 Kings 22:8). Translated, Ahab was saying God’s way often opposed his way, so he hired false prophets to justify his actions. This is reminiscent of what Paul wrote Timothy. “For the time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear something new. They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths” (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Jesus put it this way. “Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go through it” (Matthew 7:13). Why is this? Why will one do or live in such a way that he or she knows will lead to his or her destruction eternally? We allow ourselves to be deceived. Satan appeals to our desires, deceiving us into thinking wrong is right, and we follow him. What we need is education, understanding and insight. God’s Word can help fulfill our desires in righteousness, rather than sinfulness. A proper understanding helps us control our desires, instead of our desires controlling us. God’s Word points us to a better way, a more noble way, which offers eternal life. What desire can be greater than this? Isn’t this better than what the world is offering now?

No matter how many are involved, no matter how good it feels, no matter how commonplace it becomes, sin is destructive! In Christ, we have all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3). God can fill our desires through His mercy and grace and love. His way is the best way after all.

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The Three R’s of a Spiritual Education

By Gary C. Hampton

School started this week. Parents either have, or will have, searched for all the items the school says their child will need to have a productive year. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of preparing for a physical education, I want all of us to remember the importance of a spiritual education.

We need to teach our children to hold God in reverence. The Almighty illustrated the futility of worshiping idols (Habakkuk 2:18-19). Then, He said, “But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him” (Habakkuk 2:20). Properly educated children will know the Creator and His limitless power (Genesis 1:1; Acts 17:24-25). Jesus’ model of prayer begins with, “Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name” (Matthew 6:9).

Children must be taught the value of respect for authority. Paul said the first command with promise was, “Honor your father and mother.” He preceded that with, “Children, obey our parents in the Lord, for this is right” (Ephesians 6:1-3). The wise man told his son to, “hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck” (Proverbs 1:8-9). Rebellious children were a danger to society and were to be stoned so all would learn to have respect (Deuteronomy 21:18-21).

Successful people take responsibility for their actions. Children should be held accountable for chores, schoolwork and the study of God’s Word. Everyone will have to give an accounting for his actions (Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10). Paul urged his children in the faith, “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12).

Both physical and spiritual education are important. Encourage your children to do well in school. Do not fail to teach them the three R’s of reverence, respect and responsibility.

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