

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Josh Berryhill

Opening Prayer: Charles Berryhill

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

Closing Prayer: Eddie Dickinson

Preparing the Lord's Supper Deborah Box

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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Acceptable Worship



*The
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Beacon*



When Worship Is Worthless

By Ben Giselbach

Brother Jones comes to church every Sunday and hasn't missed a service for the past 50 years. Yet, he is very materialistic and is stingy in his contribution to the Church. He usually comes to the midweek Bible study, too, unless he hears about an estate auction he wants to attend.

Brother Williams, in addition to being a faithful church attendee, is recognized as an avid student of the Bible. He prays and has devotionals with his wife and children every night. But he's insensitive, cold-hearted, and has reputation for having a short fuse if anyone, especially a family member, angers him.

Sister Smith looks forward to church all week long. She wouldn't dream of missing a service. And boy does she enjoy those old Gospel hymns! But everyone knows she is a constant gossip. Several have been deeply hurt by her vicious words.

What's wrong with these pictures? How can some Christians be so religious – both publicly and privately – while being so unlike Christ?

The problem with these Christians is this: their worship has become an end in itself. They are no different from the ancient Jewish leaders who loved to worship and tithe “mint and dill and cumin” (Matt. 23:23). They are very religious, but are far from holy. They have forgotten the very things worship is supposed to cultivate in the heart: justice, mercy, faith, and humility (Matt. 23:23; Luke 18:13). **God rejects their worship**, just as He rejected the worship of the hypocritical Jews (Amos 5:21-24; Micah 6:6-8). Though they are religious, their hearts are far from Christ (Matt. 15:8). Their worship is worthless.

Many are under the illusion that worship is what makes them Christians. And thus they go to church, week after week, year after year, unchanged and unaffected. They realize, after all, that Christians have the obligation to be faithful in attendance (Heb. 10:24-25). But they leave the church building with the same self-centeredness, indifference, pride, and materialistic mindset they had when they entered.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

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

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

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

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: he is fighting cancer, please be praying that his cancer will be defeated

Janet Spann: has severe COPD and other health problems, please keep her and her family in your prayers

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

Ren Garrison (Donna Martin's Nephew): is still dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that this issue will be dealt with successfully

Jack Willis (Meg Rutledge's Father) is fighting cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

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

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please pray that she will improve

Ruth Addison: recovering from recent illness, please pray that she will regain her strength

Nelle Fraizer (Lellie’s Sister); she has some ongoing health problems

Winfred York: is at home and has been placed under hospice care, please continue to pray for him and Mrs. Vertie

Celia Grace Hamlett (3 year old): diagnosed with a very rare genetic disease, let us pray that doctors will be able to help her

Vernalen Avery: she recently received a pacemaker, please pray that this will help her

Carolyn Caudle: recovering from recent fall, please pray that she has no problems as she recovers

Glynda Long: she has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Upcoming Events

June 21st – 25th

Gospel Meeting (Dorian Flynn)
[No Fellowship Meals During Meeting]

Are you suffering from this spiritual disease? Note some of the symptoms:

1. **Inconsistency.** Many compartmentalize their beliefs and habits. They fail to put to practice what they say and teach. For example, some worship God in song and prayer on Sunday, but turn around and gossip about their fellow man (cf. Jas. 3:9). Some feel very strongly about attending church and engaging in the Lord’s Supper with the brethren (cf. 1 Cor. 11:17-33), but immediately after service deal harshly their family.

2. A **‘holier-than-thou’ attitude.** Do you feel like you have God’s favor because you regularly attend worship or because you regularly read your Bible? Do you compare your faith to others instead of God’s Word (Jas. 1:22-25)? If so, you’re no different than the Pharisee in Luke 18:9-12 who “treated others with contempt.”

3. **Misplaced confidence in worship.** Are you dishonest, lazy, and materialistic? Do you acknowledge these things, but justify them by saying, “I know I sin, but at least I worship regularly”? Some wink at their sin because they have fooled themselves into thinking that their worship “covers a multitude of sins.” Never mind about “walking in the light,” they think, so long as they are “walking to church.”

When worship becomes an end in itself, worship is vain. We may be worshipping correctly, but we are not worshipping “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). True worship should do something to us. It should make us different people. “As He Who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct” (1 Pet. 1:15). True worship should always lead us to holy living.

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I And The Lad Will Go Yonder And Worship

By Winfred Clark

The above heading comes from a statement made by Abraham in the long ago. You will find it recorded in Genesis 22:5. It comes in the setting of Abraham's having been commanded to take Isaac to the land of Moriah and offer him as a burnt offering. He had been traveling for three days and had now arrived at the place. It is there and then that he tells the servant to "Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you".

One is surely impressed with the use of that word worship in the passage before us. In fact, this is the first mention of the word in the KJV. It is not the first account of man worshipping God, but is the first time the word is to be used. From it we can see some very valuable things.

I. We Can See The Importance Of Having A Place For Worship In Our Lives

There was a place in the life of Abraham. He would no more think of leaving worship out of his life than he would think of leaving off the matter of eating. It occupies a very important place in the life of this man. God had told him what to do, and that makes it important. He could not think of doing less.

II. There Was Also The Proper Preparation For Worship

You will note that they carried with them the fire and the wood for the burnt offering. That would mean that they are ready to worship when they arrive. They are prepared to do what they should as they should. They would be sufficiently prepared before they go. This preparation would also involve the right frame of mind for worship. Think for a moment. They built the altar upon their arrival. Abraham knew what was going to take place. He knows that Isaac is going to be offered, and yet, he called that worship. Can you think of his mind being on something else? Can you think of him thinking only of some cattle deal? Can you think of him being concerned about what Sarah had prepared for a meal at home? There would be no way such would enter his mind. What he was doing there at the time far outweighed any other consideration.

How many times do we come into the assembly, and our minds are upon a dozen other things that have nothing to do with worship? It must mean that we are not giving due consideration to what we are doing.

III. There Was Great Profit From This Period Of Worship

After the altar had been prepared, you will find Abraham taking the knife to slay Isaac. God sent an angel to stay his hand and he later offers a ram as a substitute. Surely this must have been a sober and serious moment for Abraham and Isaac. They must have come from that place with some serious thoughts.

Can you think of one of those men saying to the other, "I did not get a thing out of the worship," or "that was the dullest worship service I have ever attended?" No such thing could ever enter their minds. They had learned too much. They now know more of God, more of themselves, and more of what he means to please God. Life would surely take on a more serious tone for them as a result of their having been to worship. What a wonderful thing if all could return as did they.

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