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“ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN”

Hebrews 8:5; 1 Peter 4:11

WHERE IS THE PATTERN FOR:

<p>CHURCHES OF MEN? Denominations abound The Lord established His Church <i>(Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47; Ephesians 4:4; 5:23)</i></p>	<p>WORSHIP OF MEN? Mechanical instruments; Choirs; Solos; Etc. The Lord has told us how to worship <i>(John 4:24; Acts 2:42; 20:7; Colossians 3:16)</i></p>
<p>CREEDS OF MEN? Manuals; Disciplines; Catechisms, Etc. Christ & His Word only authority <i>(John 5:39; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; John 16:13; 2 Peter 1:3)</i></p>	<p>FUND RAISING OF MEN? Pie suppers; Bingo; Car Washes; Etc. The Lord's Plan <i>(1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:7)</i></p>



How Should One Worship God?

Robert Meredith

The opportunity to worship God is one of the greatest privileges afforded to man. The Apostle John wrote, *“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for Thou hast created all things and for Thou pleasure they are and were created”* (Revelation 4:11). God is the supreme Creator of all things (John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16), and because of that fact He deserves the worship of His creation. King David declared, *“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord”* (Psalm 122:1). One should possess the same attitude as David, an attitude of desiring to worship God and looking forward to every opportunity. As one prepares to worship God, there are some important facts he must consider.

First, one must realize that God is a Spirit. As Jesus was speaking with the Samaritan woman at the well of Sychar, He proclaimed, *“God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him*

must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). Since God is a Spirit and as we have noticed earlier, the supreme Creator, then His wants and expectations in the worship may be different than man's. There is a sad comment about the Israelites found in the book of Judges, "*In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes*" (Judges 21:25). Many people today fall into the same category as those just mentioned. They feel like what they want should be pleasing to God. Man needs to look to God for instructions for worship. Jeremiah tells us, "*O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps*" (Jeremiah 10:23). Also, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed, "*For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts*" (Isaiah 55:8-9). From these passages one can come to the understanding that it is God who dictates what is to be done in worship. His wants and expectations may be far different from man's (Proverbs 14:12).

A second fact one must realize is that man must worship God in spirit (John 4:24). To worship in spirit implies that one worship with a proper attitude. Simply being in an auditorium does not make one's worship worthy. When one fails to sing or consider the words he is singing, then he is simply going through the motions. If one pays no attention to the prayer to Almighty God, then he has not prayed. If one fails to discern the body and blood of Christ during the Lord's supper, he is eating and drinking damnation to his soul (1 Corinthians 11:29). If one gives with an improper attitude, drudgingly, or simply because he feels he has to (2 Co-

rinthians 9:7), then his contribution is given in vain (1 Corinthians 13:3). If one makes no attempt to listen to the message from the Bible, then his worship is not in spirit. How can one hope to grow spiritually if he refuses to desire the milk of God's word (1 Peter 2:2). Yes, one must attend the worship assembling (Hebrews 10:25), but simply being in the building does not mean one is worshipping. He must be mentally involved in the avenues of worship.

A third fact from Jesus' statement of John 4:24 is that worship must be in truth. To worship in truth means according to God's instructions. As Jesus prayed to the Father, He requested, "*Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth*" (John 17:17). Since God's word is truth, to worship in truth means to worship as God has specified in His word. Earlier we noticed that it is God Who determines how He is to be worshipped. Now let us notice what He has determined to be scriptural worship. When one examines the New Testament, he will see that there are only five acts involved in his worshipping God. These five were mentioned in the previous paragraph: singing, praying, observing the Lord's supper, giving, and teaching. If one desires to worship God in truth, he will only do these five and will do them in the way God has commanded. For example, God said sing. He did not say play a mechanical instrument.

It is a tremendous privilege and opportunity to be able to worship God. He has created all things (Revelation 4:11). He has extended His grace to man, making salvation available; and He is worthy of worship. Man often has an inflated opinion of himself, but he is just the creation and the Creator is far superior. Let us have the attitude of King David as was expressed in Psalm 122:1, "*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.*"



Lessons From a Postage Stamp

Always be ready to serve.

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him” (Acts 10:38).

Go wherever you are sent.

“And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went...” (Acts 8:26-27a).

Don't mind a licking.

“From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus” (Galatians 6:17).

Stick to it until you get there.

“...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Revelation 2:10).

Represent your country.

“But Paul said, I am a man which am a Jew of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people” (Acts 21:39).

Little things can be important.

“And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities” (Luke 19:17).

...Selected



Prayer List: Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent's sister), Bennie Tyson, Eddie Ward, and any who may be in need of our prayers.

Shut-ins: Anne Brinkley, Tom Meredith & Mary Miller.

News at Green Plain



Our monthly luncheon will be **Thursday, the 15th, at 11:30 am** at The Lodge.



Monthly Fellowship Meal: Sunday, the 18th, after our Evening worship service.

Summer Youth Series: Tuesday, the 20th, at Briensburg Church of Christ.



Elders/Deacons Meeting: Wednesday, the 21st.



A **Baby Shower** for Justin & Shereen Morris will be on **Sunday, the 25th, from 2 - 3:30 pm,** in the church annex.



“That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.”
(John 17:21)

ATTENDANCE July 11, 2010

Bible Study
Worship A.M.

Worship P.M.
Mid-week (7-7)

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southeast of Murray -
One mile off highway 641 -
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Plain and Murray Paris Roads

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
July 2010

USHERS: Chad Canter & Cody Canter
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Larry Enoch

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
AM: Frank Pool & Rob Enoch
Substitute: Larry Enoch

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
AM: Jesse Vincent & Preston Barrett
Substitute: Roy Wyatt

Sunday PM
7-18.....Frank Pool
7-25.....Rob Enoch

SCRIPTURE READING:
7-18.....Chad Canter (John 17:20-23)
7-25.....Rex Enoch

OPENING PRAYER:
7-18.....Eddie Ward
7-25.....Bobby Ward

CLOSING PRAYER:
7-18.....James Pigg
7-25.....Roy Wyatt

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
Frank Towery & Preston Barrett

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS
Isaac Ward & Katelyn Canter

SONG LEADERS:
Sunday Morning.....Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening.....Eddie Ward
Wednesday.....James Pigg
Substitute.....Mike Ernstberger

LAWN CARE: Mike Ernstberger
GREETERS: Jesse & Mary Vincent

If you are unable to serve, please
contact Jesse Vincent at 293-1537.

? **Luke 19**

1. What was the name of the publican who wanted to see Jesus?
2. Why did he climb a tree?
3. What kind of tree did he climb?
4. Near what villages did Jesus send two of His disciples to get a colt for Him to ride?

1. Zacchaeus (v. 2)
2. To see Jesus; he was short (v. 3)
3. Sycamore (v. 4)
4. Bethphage & Bethany (v. 29)

 **Remember to bring snacks for the hospital.**

 **Pantry Item Soup**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes.....10:00 A.M.
Worship.....10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 P.M.
For transportation call 492-8206
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RADIO PROGRAMS

WORDS OF LIFE RADIO BROADCAST
Weekdays, 11:30 AM. WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES RADIO BROADCAST
Sunday, 7:30 A.M... WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

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SERMON TOPICS FOR
July 18, 2010

A.M. - Basis of Unity

P.M. - The Proof that Jesus is the Messiah

WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED

Hear the gospel
Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17

Believe
Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6

Repent
Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30

Confess faith in Christ
Mt. 10:32, Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10

Be baptized (immersed)
*Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 22:16;
Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21*

Continue faithful unto death
Mt. 25:21,34; 2 Pt. 1:1-11; Rev. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:6-9