

Study 0059

New Covenant Era Worship: Introduction (1)

Going through our conclusion on worship under the Old Covenant Era, it seems very much like we were speaking about Christianity today, as against, people who were living under the Old Covenant. This is because we find among Christians today, many of the concerns and failures as was found among Old Covenant worshippers. For example, (*you are required to search the scriptures provided and make notes about the issues raised*):

1. Many of the people in our churches today think that God's interest in worship, is just to come to church on a Sunday for a few minutes or hours; without their having any relationship whatsoever with God. *So, what does the bible say about the kind of relationship that is required before a person can truly worship God? (John 3:1-7; 4:19-24; 1:11-13)*

2. Many of the people in our churches today don't seem to know that there is an acceptable way as well as an unacceptable way to worship God, so, they go about inventing their own way to worship God, in clear contradiction to God's way. *So, what does the bible tell us about the acceptable or pleasing way to worship God, and by implication, the unacceptable way? (John 4:19-24; Hebrews 10:19-22; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; Romans 12:1; Hebrews 12:28; Matthew 5:21-24; 15:7-9; Hebrews 11:6; 1 Samuel 15:22)*

3. Many people in our churches today, don't seem to know that our salvation from sin, which is like the deliverance of Israel of old from Egypt, is to enable us worship God. So, rather than focus on learning how to worship God, and actually doing so, they are focused on the benefits they can receive from salvation. *But what does the bible teach about the reason why we are saved from sin, apart from it enabling us to go to heaven?* (**Hebrews 9:13-14; 1 Peter 2:9; Exodus 5:1; 8:1**)

4. Many of the people in our churches worship God only because they want Him to do something for them; we are rather to worship Him because He is God! *What does the bible say about why we should worship God?* (**Revelation 4:11; 5:8-14; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Daniel 4:34-37; Romans 11:36**)

5. Many of the people in our churches want out of the 'wilderness' at the earliest, without having learnt how to worship God—which is something that all new believers should take time to master, through the laying of a proper Christian foundation. *What does the bible teach us about laying a proper foundation?* (**1 Corinthians 3:11; Ephesians 2:20; 4:11-14; Acts 2:41-42; 14:22; Matthew 13:20-21; 7:24-27; Hebrews 6:1-2**)

Review

We shall continue from here in our next study, but for now, let us review our notes and the scriptures provided, and evaluate our personal relationship with God, and our worship of God. Where we need to repent, let us do so, and return to our first love with unfeigned lips and a pure heart (**Hosea 6:1-2; 14:1-3**). Let us also commit ourselves to the true worship of God, and ensure that we have opened ourselves up to the proper laying of the Christian foundation in our lives. **Note:** whatever it is that you desire, in so far as it is in the will of God for your life, He will give it to you. However, don't worship God because you want Him to do something for you, rather, worship Him because He is worthy of your worship, having created, saved and sanctified you in Him!