

## Study 0060

### New Covenant Era Worship: Introduction (2)

In our last study, as part of our introduction of New Covenant Era Worship, we began to lay the basis for our study. In doing so, we reviewed certain observations which we made about the Old Covenant worshipper, and saw that these observations are equally true of today's worshippers. We were also given scriptures which helped us to see what the bible teaches about the issues raised. We continue in this study, from where we stopped in the last study, with more observations, and scriptures to aid our review.

6. Today, the 'Promised Land' is seen as the physical acquisition of certain promises, rather than what it really is—heaven! Hence, many people in our churches are focused on earthly acquisitions, as a sign of God's blessings, rather than God's spiritual and heavenly blessings. *But, what is the scriptural view on the blessings of the believer in Christ?* (**Ephesians 1:3; 2:6; Luke 12:15; Matthew 16:24-26; Luke 16:19-25; Matthew 19:16-29; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Romans 14:17; Hebrews 11:32-40**).

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7. Many of the people in our churches today don't understand God's way of doing things, so often times, they miss out on the promises of God—both the earthly and heavenly promises. They thus, end up wandering from place to place seeking from men, what can only be received from God! *What does the bible say about God's way of doing things, and how we can know it?* (**Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 11:33-34; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16; Jeremiah 6:16; Romans 8:5-8; 12:2; Matthew 16:21-26**)

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8. Israel of old could not enter into the Promised Land because of their unbelief (**Hebrews 3:19**), in much the same way, many of today’s Christians are unable to enter into God’s earthly and eternal promises because of unbelief! They seek to receive things from God in every other way, except by faith. *What is scriptural faith and how does it apply in our daily lives?* (**Hebrews 11:1-40; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 5:7; 4:17-18; James 1:5-8; Romans 14:23**)

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9. Many of the people in our churches today consider the sanctuary of God, to be the building where worship takes place, and are not able to appreciate that their physical body is also a sanctuary of God. Hence, for such people God can only be worshipped in the place designated as the sanctuary in their minds—a physical building. They pretend to be holy when they in such a place of worship, but engage in all manner of sinful acts with the sanctuary of God, which is their body, outside the physical place of worship. *The bible has some words of admonition for such a lifestyle. What is it?* (**1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:15-20; 1 Peter 1:13-19**).

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**Review**

Again, we arrive at the point where we must go over what we have had to study, and seek to apply it to our lives. What concrete steps are you going to take henceforth, to begin to live as a New Covenant worshipper, which you are, if you are indeed born again? And if you are not born again, would you at this time wish to do so?