

## Study 0061

### New Covenant Era Worship: Introduction (3)

We continue with our introduction of New Covenant Era Worship, with some other observations about the Old Covenant worshipper, which we find present in today's worshippers—things which ought not to be. May the Lord continue to help us in our studies.

10. Many of the people in our churches, who read the bible today, are either absorbed with one of the Testaments to the exclusion of the other, or outrightly consider the Old Testament as irrelevant and completely ignore it. *So, is the Old Testament still relevant today? And are the Old and New Testaments related?* (**Romans 15:4; 4:3, 17-24; 1 Corinthians 10:1-11; 9:9-10; 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 1:1-2**).

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11. The same incidents of hardness of heart toward God, which the Israelites of old exhibited, are still prevalent in many of the people who flock into our churches today. *What evidence supports this statement? And what can we do about such hardness of heart?* (**Matthew 19:3-9; Mark 6:47-52; 8:14-21; Matthew 16:5-12; Hebrews 3:7-12; Matthew 13:3-23; 2 Corinthians 3:12-16; Ezekiel 36:26-27; John 3:3-7; 1:12-13**).

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12. Following from (11) above, we know that Israel of old, walked contrary to the Holy Spirit; the same is the experience with so many of the people who profess to be Christians today. Also, many professing Christians today, are neither sanctified, nor have they been transformed by the word of God; hence, they reject the word of God and its sanctifying work within them. *What must we do to remain sanctified and be transformed, so that we don't walk contrary to the Holy Spirit nor reject God's word?* (**Acts 7:51; Deuteronomy 10:16; 30:6; Ezekiel 11:18-20; Romans 2:28-29; John 16:13; 17:17; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:23; Colossians 3:10ff**).

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13. Like Israel of old, many of the people in our churches today, have all the ‘meat’ they can possibly get, but are ‘lean’ in their spirit (**Psalm 106:15**). Carnality has become the order of the day, among both the laity and the clergy. *What really is carnality, and how do we overcome it?* (**1 Corinthians 3:1-4; 6:1-9; 2:14; 1 John 2:15-17; James 4:1-10; Romans 8:5-9**).

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14. Just as the Israelites of old, so have we many people in our churches today, who are not interested in teachings about God and how to worship Him; their interest is, rather, in how to obtain certain ‘promises’ which they believe they are entitled to get. *What must we do then, to bring us firmly to the knowledge of God (that intimate relationship which produces worship from the heart)?* (**John 4:20-24; Jeremiah 9:23-24; 24:7; 2 Timothy 4:2-4; 3:1-7, 10-15; Hebrews 12:1-2; Matthew 11:27**)

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**Review**

Please take time to seek to know God more, so that your worship of Him can truly be from the heart and with sincerity. Your repentance before God brings you to the place where God gives you a new heart, and puts within you, His Spirit. This act of God, is what we call being born again, and, is the beginning of a relational experience with God which cannot be bought, and which mere church attendance does not give.