

Study 0062

New Covenant Era Worship: Introduction (4)

We continue still, with our introduction of New Covenant Era Worship, as we continue with our observation of New Covenant worshippers displaying the same negative traits of the Old Covenant worshipper. May our study today, bring us back to the place of the true worship of God, in Jesus' name, Amen.

15. Many of the people in our churches today, are quick to forget God when they are materially prosperous. They very easily turn to idolatry and are proud. *What is the biblical solution to this matter of believers forgetting God?* (3 John 2; Deuteronomy 6:6-17; 8:1-18; Psalm 106:13; 78:10-11; Judges 2:10-12; 2 Kings 17:15; 1 Corinthians 10:23-26).

16. Many of the people in our churches are focused on themselves alone and their needs, and have very little or no concern for the house of God (be it the physical aspect, or, most especially, the spiritual aspect). *What is the main cause for this lack of interest in the things of God; what are the consequences (if any); and, what can we do to be sold out on the things of God?* (Philippians 2:19-21; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 4:10a; Matthew 24:10-13; Haggai 1:3-11; Psalm 106:14-15; Philippians 2:4; 1:21; Luke 12:22-34; 1 Peter 5:7; Philippians 4:6-7; Matthew 16:21-26; Philippians 3:20; Colossians 3:1-3).

17. Many of the people in our churches today, are in church quite alright, but are not in Christ, that is, they really have nothing to do with Christ, the Head of the church, other than that He is seen as one who is expected to provide for their needs only. *Is there really any difference between being in church and being in Christ?* (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:35-39; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; John 17:20-23; Ephesians 4:17-32).

18. There are many so called, ‘ministers of God’ today, who are neither consecrated unto God, nor devoted to God; but their devotion is to what they can get out of ministry, financially and otherwise. *What is expected of a minister of God?* (**Philippians 3:17-20; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Acts 6:3; 2 Chronicles 19:5-11; Exodus 18:21; 1 Peter 5:1-3; Mark 10:42-45; John 21:15-17**).

19. For many of the people in our churches, repentance holds very limited meaning, and its significance is seen by them, only in so far as they can wriggle out of a tight spot. Once they are out of such a tight spot, they quickly turn again back to their old ways. *What is true repentance?* (**2 Peter 2:20-22; Hebrews 6:4-6; Luke 3:8-14; 2 Corinthians 7:9-11; Proverbs 28:13; Psalm 32:1-5; Luke 19:2-9; Psalm 51:1-19**).

Review

As we come to the end of our study, **2 Corinthians 13:5** is very apt, for we need to undertake a personal evaluation to see if we are still in the faith. Is the ‘forgetting-God’ syndrome at work in you? Are you lethargic toward the things of God, while paying particular attention to your own needs? Are you content with just attending church regularly? Do you see yourself just as a Christian who goes to church, but not one who, in addition, should be ministering to, and on behalf of God? If your honest answer to any, or all of these questions, is “Yes”, then go to God in true repentance and begin anew to walk with Him and to work in His vineyard with renewed enthusiasm. God bless you!