

## Directory For Public Worship

### Week 2: Chapter 1.A.2, 3 &4

#### Purpose of Class:

to present the biblical view of worship. To see how our theology informs the way we think about, order, and participate in a worship service.

#### Recap:

Discussed Nature & Warrant of ecclesiastical authority using FOG 1 to summarize the biblical doctrine concerning that.

Discussed Worship in the most elemental principles from Ch. 1.A from DPW  
We move into more specifics this week,

2 Sabbath – Warrant for one day in seven very familiar. And, we are all here on the first day of the week, so it would seem there is no dilemma for anyone here present. But, examining the significance of the switch in days is helpful:

Christ raised from the dead on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week – God thereby sanctified the day.

Already/Not yet reality of our eternal rest with Christ depicted by resting first, laboring after. I Cor. 15, esp 20-28

Side note – the changing of the day is also parallel to all the things that the Lord was changing under the new administration of the covenant. Sign/Seal changed to Baptism. O/T ritualistic worship changed. National Israel as God's people expanded to all peoples, et cetera...

3 Sabbath Devotion – an Holy Day to the Lord –

The Lord's day is to be remembered, to be kept *holy*. What is holy the opposite of?

Does that word necessarily mean things that are wrong? If not, how does that begin to inform how the day is to be kept?

will cover this in more detail under 3c

3a Practical Preparation – necessary - Exodus 16 (vs. 5&6; 22-30) provides a clear warrant and pattern. How might this look for us? Ideas/Examples?

3b Spiritual Preparation – strong recommendation – coming to worship spiritually prepared as an individual and as a family. What are some positive ways we can do this, and conversely, some things that might detract from our due preparation? (Heb. 12:28; Luke 6:45; I Chron. 16:29)

3c Sabbath Action – Perhaps the most sensitive portion thus far.

Decalogue only gives prohibition against labor on the Sabbath and the command to rest. Where do our standards derive the idea of refraining from our recreations?

What do we make of passages like Mark 2:27?

The Sabbath is a privilege and a gift, not a club or a detriment.

Notice the emphasis on *delighting*.

3d Sabbath Protection – Who is most narrowly in view here?

4 Convocation – what does that word mean?

4a Lord's Day Calling – we may elect to worship on additional days. We are bound, called, to worship on the Lord's day.

4b Lord's Day Bookends – While not strictly necessary, the DPW uses the strongest language of advisement. Perhaps it is worthwhile to ask ourselves the question – “Why would we *not* want to worship in the evening also?”

What were we created for and what will we be spending eternity doing?