

Directory For Public Worship

Week 4: Chapter 1.B.3-7

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.

3 – Union with God in Worship

- a. Reverence & awe with joy & gladness (Heb. 12 again, Ps. 100:4 & others)
Why would we worship with expectation?
- b. Unadorned worship – Simple Worship demonstrates dependence on the Spirit (Jn. 4:23-34)
- c. Prioritizing each other in worship

4 – Public worship is just that – Public, corporate, not private or individual

Brief reminders of corporate identity of God's covenant people

Sinai covenant made with the nations as an whole

God commanded all of the Israelite men to appear before him thrice annually

New covenant promises are represented in the same corporate fashion

Christ was foretold as one who would be named "Jesus" He would save His *people* from their sins

NT references to worship are in the corporate gathering

- a. Children as worshippers (Acts 2)
- b. Respect of persons excluded (Jas. 2:1-4) (c.f. I Cor. 10: 16&17, I Cor. 3&4)
- c. Worship without distinction (Gal. 3:28, Col. 3:11 compare w/ Mt. 21:12&13)
- d. Unprofessional Worship

5 – Covenant displayed & renewed in Worship; Triune Covenantal Cooperative

- a. God's Initiative: How does our liturgy serve this purpose?
- b. Appropriate Conduct
 - Summons
 - Assurance
 - Consecration
 - Communion
 - Blessing

6 – Worship by Decree (regulated worship)

- a. Worship must be governed by the scriptures, either explicitly or implicitly
- b. Liberating Worship

7 – God Glorifying Worship

- a. Public worship prepares us for the rest of the week
- b. True worship maintains the Creator/Creature distinction