**WORSHIP**

**SPECIAL: WORSHIP #1  (3-10-13)**

WOMEN AT THE WELL:

***John 4:19-24 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20) "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." 21) Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22) "You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23) "But an hour is coming*** [C.A.]**, *and now is*** [almost here]**, *when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. 24) "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit*** [filling of the HS] ***and truth***  [BD]**."**

***Psalm 149:1 Praise the LORD! Sing*** [Qal. Imp.] ***to the LORD a new song, and His praise in the congregation of the godly ones.***

KAHAL = assembly, congregation, convocation of people

**Psalm 111:1 Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with all *my* heart, In the company of the upright and in the assembly.**

***1 Chronicles 16:29 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship*** [imp.] ***the LORD in the beauty of holiness*.**

O.T. believers could not draw near to God the way we can. They were not allowed to go into the Holy Place and certainly not into the Holy of Holies.

***Hebrews 10:19-25 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood*** [sacrifice] ***of Jesus, 20) by a new and living*** [resurrection] ***way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh***  [[Lu 23:44](file:///C%3A%5CDocuments%20and%20Settings%5COwner%5CMy%20Documents%5CLuke%5CChapter%2023.doc#Lu_23_44)-45, [Mt 27:51](file:///C%3A%5CDocuments%20and%20Settings%5COwner%5CMy%20Documents%5CMatthew%5CChpt.%2027.doc#Mt_27_51), [Mk 15:37](file:///C%3A%5CDocuments%20and%20Settings%5COwner%5CMy%20Documents%5CMark%5CChapter%2015.doc#Mk_15_37)-38], ***21) and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22)let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water*** [Rebound]**.**

While Jesus was hanging on the cross bearing our sins, God the Father split the veil that separated the Holy of Holies from the 'Holy Place' in the temple. This huge veil was ripped in the middle from top to bottom. Now we have access to our 'home' the Holy of Holies.

OT believers were allowed to draw near to Mount Sinai to hear God but they could not touch the mountain. They saw the fire, smoke, and darkness, and actually heard God and they were very frightened.

***Hebrews 12:18-23 For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, 19) and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. 20) For they could not bear the command, "if even a beast touches the mountain, it will be stoned." 21) And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, "I am full of fear and trembling." 22) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, 23) to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,***

The O.T. believers’ worship was physical, ours is spiritual.

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Let’s go to the N.T. now:

***Hebrews 10:23-25***  ***Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; 24) and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25) not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.***

***1 Corinthians 5:4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus.***

***1 Corinthians 11:20 Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper,***

Illustration of NT worship is found here:

***Acts 2:41-47 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42) And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43) And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. 44) And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45) And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46) And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47) Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.***

OT saints worshiped on the Sabbath, we worship on Sunday in commemoration of our Lord’s resurrection.

***1 Corinthians 16:1-2 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. 2) Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.***

***Acts 20:7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.***

***John 20:19 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."***

***Revelation 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet . . .***

By the time the apostle John wrote Revelation, the first day of the week became known as the Lord’s day. The Lord’s day means that we focus on Him, not on a baseball or football game, not yard-work, not visiting others, not fishing, hunting, not entertaining family members.

NT worship should be orderly without commotion or confusion: no tongues, raising of hands, shouting,

***1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.***

***1 Corinthians 14:40 But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner.***

Attending church on Sunday is not the same as attending a class room.

**ELEMENTS OF WORSHIP:** WORSHIP, Pg. 3

1. **Call to Worship;** Start off with a song like, **“**Give Thanks”.
2. **Singing;**  No element of worship is optional. Singing is not just for those who like to sing, ***Eph. 5:19,*** ***Col. 3:16***.
3. **Corporate Prayer; Pastor** leads the congregation in prayer before we take the offering.
4. **Giving;** Expression of our gratitude to the Lord.
5. **Confession;** Rebound/acknowledging our sins to the Father = Filling of the Holy Spirit
6. **Message;** Time for the congregation to concentrate on the teaching of the Word of God/Bible doctrine.
7. **Gospel**; Given for those present and those on the internet. The congregation should be praying for any unbelievers who might be present or listening.
8. **Closing Prayer**
9. **Fellowship;** Encouraging one another with Bible Doctrine and Gift of Helps.

We should start preparing for corporate worship on Monday:

1. Plan your week to worship Sunday
2. Don’t schedule any blow-out parties for Saturday night
3. Cancel anything that conflicts with corporate worship on Sunday

Lay out the kids clothes socks and shoes Saturday evening.