

- I. Act of Reverence.
- II. Act of Fellowship.
- III. Act of Dedication.
- IV. Act of Renewal

Conclusion: If we seriously examined our worship life as Christians, what would we find out about our real relationship to Jesus Christ?

### *Special Study*

#### *The Biblical Doctrine of Worship*

is much broader than a few hours each week being set aside for corporate worship. Archaeological evidence is irrefutable that Church buildings were a later innovation. Many people have the false notion that an hour or two on the Lord's Day exhausts the biblical requirements of worship.

- I. The Place of Worship.
- II. The Times of Worship.
- III. The Content of Worship.

Excellent insight can also be gained by studying the vocabulary, both Old and New Testaments, which are translated singularly by our English word - worship. It is highly improbable that one English term can adequately translate several words from either the Hebrew Old Testament or the Greek New Testament.

### *Outline*

#### Seminar: Biblical Theology of Worship

Introduction: Hebrew and Greek Vocabulary of Worship.

- I. Antecedents to Old Testament Concept of Worship. Worship among Neighbors of Israel.
- II. Worship in Historical Perspective: Worship in Various Periods of Old Testament History.
  1. Law - Genesis, chapter 1-11  
Genesis, chapter 12ff.  
Pentateuch
  2. Historical Books In Promised Land - Joshua - Judges  
- Ruth
  3. Prophets - Worship
    - a. True Worship
    - b. False Worship

- 4. Wisdom - Wisdom Literature - Worship
- III. Post Old Testament Literature and Worship  
Intertestamental Literature and Worship
- IV. Antecedent Worship Concepts of New Testament Period in environment
  - Greek
  - Hebraic—Judaism
  - Roman
- V. Worship in The Gospel Records and New Testament Proper
  - 1. Synoptics - Matthew, Mark, Luke
  - 2. John
  - 3. Acts
  - 4. Epistles - Pauline
  - 5. Epistles - Johannine
  - 6. Epistles - General Epistles
  - 7. Hebrews - Revelation

Theological Vocabulary of Worship: O.T. and N.T.

Vocabulary - Multiple Hebrew Vocabulary - One English Word -  
Worship

- 1. Persons
- 2. Places
- 3. Ceremony
- 4. Personal/Corporate Worship
- 5. Revelation - Worship
- 6. Worship and The Word
- 7. Worship and Holy Spirit
- 8. Worship and Spiritual Preparation
- 9. Worship and Spiritual Maturation
- 10. Necessary and Sufficient Aspects of Worship
- 11. Worship as an Activity: Intentionality of the Participants  
(Behaviorism and Activity): A Real Human Act or Mere  
Activity and Worship.
- 12. Worship and Biblical Doctrine of Unity
- 13. Preaching and Worship
- 14. Teaching and Worship
- 15. Baal Worship - Hosea
- 16. Vocabulary - Idol, Image - types of graven, carved  
Grove  
High Place
- 17. The Ten Words and Idols - Deut. 5: Ex. 20:
- 18. Jewish Architecture
- 19. Roman Catholic Translation of Decalogue

Latin

Trent on Idolatry

Aquinas

Catholic Use of Idols

20. Standard Denominational Churches
21. Free Churches
22. Worship in The Protestant Creeds
23. Ecumenical Theology Worship
  - A. Ministry
  - B. Sacraments
24. Conscience - Worship - Offense, Offended, Offender
 

I Cor. 8 - Romans 14: - Commands, Imperative moods  
More than one conscience involved!
25. O.T. Prophecies of worship in the Messianic Kingdom and  
Dispensationalism's Hermeneutics
26. Use of Matthew
 

Literal fulfillment - return to O.T. Sacrificial system,  
Temple, etc.
27. Cornelius - Acts 2
 

Acts 10  
Synagogue - Paul in Acts  
Paul's consistency and synagogue participation
28. Criterion and Method for determine the Essential from the  
non-essential Aspects of Biblical Christianity.
29. What is universal, necessary, sufficient for Christian Wor-  
ship!
  - A. Commands
  - B. Examples Same also for Restoring N.T. Church, e.g.
  - C. Expediency Imperative form e.g., Acts 2:38
30. Worship and Biblical Doctrine of Truth
 

*emunah* means truth, faith, trust  
Re: Worship in Spirit and Truth
31. The Biblical concept of worship and the problem of non-  
Christian concepts of worship and the problem of missions.

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Consult any major Bible Dictionaries such as *Hastings, 20th Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*; also consult the *Jewish Encyclopedia* for article on worship. There is a vast literature on Worship but there is no competent work on the biblical doctrine worship, especially the N.T. doctrine. We hope and pray this gap will be filled by one committed to Biblical Christianity.

### *Special Study*

#### The Lamb and His Blood in The Revelation Chapters 1:5; 5:9; 7:14; 12:11

The word blood occurs in the following four passages:

- Chapter 1:5 - "*en tō haimati autou*" - "by his blood."  
 Chapter 5:9 - "*hoti esphagēs kai ēgorosas tō theō en tō haimati son*" - "because thou wast slain and didst purchase to God by thy blood."  
 Chapter 7:14 - "*en tō haimati tou arniou*" - "in the blood of the Lamb."  
 Chapter 12:11 - "*dia to aima tou arniou*" - "because of the blood of the Lamb."

John the Baptizer addresses Jesus as the Lamb (*amnos* - the ordinary word for Lamb - John 1:29 and 36) or God, which taketh away the sin of the cosmos." C.H. Dodd denies that John could have had in mind the passover lamb, and the lamb of Isaiah 53:1ff. How Dr. Dodd came by this amazing information is not revealed in his work. For those interested in examining Jewish interpretation of Isaiah 53 see S.R. Driver, A. Neubauer, *The Fifty Third Chapter of Isaiah According to Jewish Interpreters*, volume I, *Texts*, ed. by Driver and Neubauer; Volume II, *Translation*, same as above, Oxford University Press, London, 1876-77.

In The Revelation the term *Lamb* is used of Christ twenty-eight times. The fundamental idea is always sacrificial. It is