

“THE TRUE WORSHIPERS”

INTRODUCTION

A. John 4:23-24

There is such thing as true worship, implying the existence of false worship. It isn't fancy – some might even call it primitive, but it is true and spiritual.

B. Mark 7:7

Last week, we contemplated that vain worship which does not please God, so today we look at the positive side.

I. BREAKING BREAD

A. Acts 20:7

Breaking bread is the reason disciples come together and we do so on the first day of the week, when Jesus rose from the dead, not just whenever we please.

B. 1st Corinthians 10:16

In the blessed bread and cup, we commune with Christ's body and blood.

C. 1st Corinthians 11:17-34

The Lord's Supper was established by Jesus His last night on earth for us to remember Him by. We need to partake in a worthy fashion.

II. PRAYING

A. 1st Corinthians 14:15-17

In church, which is the context of this chapter (4, 5, 12, 19, 23, 28, 35), prayers need to be spoken understandably so that others can say, “Amen!” Prayers in corporate worship are meant to edify others.

B. Revelation 8:3-4

Our prayers rise to God's altar in heaven along with incense.

C. 1st Timothy 2:1-8

Prayers should be offered by men with *“holy hands.”* We need to be spiritually pure to approach God.

III. SINGING

A. **1st Corinthians 14:15**

Our songs need to be spiritual and understandable.

B. **Hebrews 2:12**

Singing is the only music we are authorized to worship with. To play instruments is to add to God’s simple plan.

C. **Colossians 3:16**

We don’t sing as a performance for an audience. We all sing to each other.

IV. PREACHING

A. **2nd Timothy 4:1-5**

Hearers need to *“endure sound doctrine”* and preachers need to supply it.

B. **1st Timothy 4:16**

Salvation is dependent on solid preaching.

C. **Hebrews 13:22**

It’s important to pay attention.

V. GIVING

A. **1st Corinthians 16:1-2**

First-day-of-the-week giving is a command and it is the only legitimate means of fundraising for the church.

B. **2nd Corinthians 8:12**

The amount of the gift is not as relevant as the willingness of the giver.

C. **John 2:13-17**

Turning God’s house into a marketplace is offensive to the Lord.

CONCLUSION

A. Psalm 89:7

Worship should be approached in reverence.

B. Ecclesiastes 5:1

God's house should be approached with prudence and open ears because not just any offering will please Him.