

WORSHIP GOD'S WAY (John 4:23-24)

THE WRONG WAY

I Corinthians 14:33, 40 Just because we are under grace is not a sign that God doesn't have a certain way that things are to be done. It is important that we know the truth about how to worship God.

Matthew 15:9 We don't like verses like this that remind us that many times we do things in worship that we believe are the right things but God says they are "vain" or (empty, worthless, no value).

Proverbs 14:12 Not only do we often worship in vain but believers try to worship their own way, in their own time, and in their own place. Let's look at some examples of those who tried it "their way."

Leviticus 10:1-2 Nadab and Abihu offered strange fire before the Lord and God killed them because they didn't worship the right way. They knew the right way but wanted to take a short cut.

I Chronicles 13: 1-10; 15:13 The Ark was the center of Israel's worship. It was the right thing to do for them to go and get the ark for their worship. David and Uzza were sincere and excited that the ark would be with God's people. The only problem was they did it their way and forgot that God had a way.

Acts 5:1-10 Here are two church people that brought their offering as part of their worship. They were obviously not in the Spirit as they lied and deceived the church and the leadership. They could have kept some or all the money but wanted to look spiritual. They did it their way and not God's way.

I Corinthians 11:26-30 God is not waiting for us to make a mistake so He can clobber us over the head. However, He has a certain way He wants us to act and when we don't we will pay: (**Gal.6:7**).

THE RIGHT WAY

I Peter 2:5 God's people are priests that are to offer up 'spiritual sacrifices' that are acceptable to God. Worship cannot be separated from sacrifice. The O.T. priests spent their whole lives sacrificing to God.

Today within the New Testament church our spiritual sacrifices are giving, preaching, teaching, witnessing, singing, and serving others with the spiritual gifts that we are gifted with.

Leviticus 1:9; 6:10; Romans 12:1; II Cor. 8:1-5 Whenever we offer a sacrifice to God in our worship He takes and consumes it 100%. When we do not give 100% it is an unacceptable gift.

Genesis 22:1-12 In these scriptures are the lessons God gives us for acceptable worship. There is the testing of the sacrifice in worship, there is the preparation of the sacrifice in worship, there is the 100% commitment of the sacrifice in worship and there is the acceptance by God of the sacrifice in worship.

THE APPOINTED DAY AND PLACE

Acts 20:7 Why would there be any question as to when believers are to meet for the preaching and teaching of God's word? Why are bible believing churches worshiping on Saturday's?

I Corinthians 16:1-2; Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 22:21;23:23; Galatians 3:29 Why there is any question about tithes and offerings and where they belong is a question that people will have to take up with Jesus. Why many believers are in financial straights can many times be linked to their being selfish with God in worship or ignorant as to where their tithe and offering belong.

I Timothy 3:15; Hebrews 10:25 It is only for our benefit that we can worship as believers together as often as the doors of the church house are open. Worship is not only an obligation but a privilege.