



Doctrine: Worship
From sermon 1.12.20

Read *John 4:23-24*

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: worship (music) is one of the most controversial subjects in the evangelical church. Culture, preference, opinion, and tradition are all subject to Holy Scripture, however. Jesus said true worship would no longer be confined to one place (the Temple), one people (the Jews), or one Procedure (the Law and the Psalms). True worship would be in a saving relationship through Him and according to the whole Word of God.

Is worship just music and singing? What other acts of worship were mentioned on Sunday? Baptism, Lord's Supper, Offering/giving, Prayer, Hearing the Word, Fellowship, & Testimonies

Look up the following Scriptures. What worship expressions does God allow and love?

Judges 5:3—Song

Psalms 149:3—Dance

Psalms 150:4—Instruments

Psalms 47:1—Clap

Psalms 33:3—Shout

1 Timothy 2:8—Raising hands

Read *Colossians 3:16*. Is the Church to sing only Psalms or Hymns or Spiritual Songs (New Songs)? Not one only, but all kinds of songs. Except the Book by that Title, Scripture calls for a new song just as much as it calls for psalms to be sung. Discuss

What two conditions/requirements are given for any act of worship (including singing)?

Psalms 5:7—Reverence: a fearful acknowledgment that worship is a privilege and, alone, I am unworthy to be in the Presence of Holy God. A humility and deep respect.

1 Corinthians 14:33 & 40—Order. It is not open to random or spontaneous outburst. While emotion is natural and allowed, it is not the focus, goal, or driving factor. [Also one speaker/leader]

What two unacceptable extremes can surface in corporate worship?

Matthew 15:8 & 23:27
Too cold/Routine/Dead

1 Corinthians 14:23
Too wild/disorderly



Where, on the line, would you put New Heights? Why?

From Sunday: what was listed as some of the issues and failures of contemporary preaching? Lack of substance. No Scripture or sound doctrine. Avoiding sin, judgment, & hell. Focused on the hearer, not the Savior. Feel good, positive vs. biblical, inclusivity = God loves everyone equally, topical, based on psychology. Whatever works or is helpful to the attendees

Which of those are also now affecting Christian music/worship?