

What Assembling Can Do

I. In Regard To God And Christ

God desire true and heartfelt worship

John 4:23,24 “But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall 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 and truth.”

Worship - serve - fear - bow - prostrate - swear by, to kneel or prostrate oneself to do homage to one or to gesture or move the body to express respect or make supplication, to do reverence to
homage - Special honor or respect shown or expressed publicly
reverence - showing profound awe and respect and love for God.

A. Worthy Of Worship

1.) God

Rev. 4:8-11 “And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME.”

9 And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,

10 the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

He is holy, almighty, eternal, created all things, willed our existence.

Rev. 15:2-4 “And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.

3 And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations!

4 Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED.”

2.) Jesus Christ Is Worthy Of Worship

Rev. 5:9-14 “And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

12 saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”

13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”

14 And the four living creatures kept saying, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshiped.”

Executed God's plan, Slain for sins, Purchased souls, made us a kingdom, priests, to reign.

B. What True Worship Does

1.) Honors

1 Tim. 1:17 “Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Paul praised and honored God for his redemption from sin even though he was chief of sinners. God is a ruler over the universe. He is eternal, not subject to death and not visible to eye.

Only God

Honor - respect and veneration. Glory - praised forever Amen - so be it.

2.) Praises And Glorifies

Heb. 13:15 “Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.”

Praise is a great and most blessed duty of the redeemed.

We offer it from heart and because we have fellowship with God offer up the praise of thanks with our lips to God.

Assembling with the church is an opportunity to praise God.

1 Pet. 4:11 “Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

We are to do good to one another to the glory and honor of God in worshiping together and serving in the church. Praise and dominion belong to God and Christ forever.

Rev. 19:5 “And a voice came from the throne, saying, “Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great.”

All should praise God for the victory He gives to His church in preserving it from evil and destruction.

All God's bondservants are duty bound to praise God.

3.) Sets Right Priorities

Matt. 6:33 “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Prov. 3:9,10 “Honor the LORD from your wealth And from the first of all your produce;

10 “So your barns will be filled with plenty And your vats will overflow with new wine.

We must honor God and think of the interests of His kingdom and of our standing with Him first.

God will bless our souls and our lives if we will honor Him first.

4.) Shows Gratitude

Heb. 12:28,29 “Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

29 for our God is a consuming fire.

We have received a spiritual and eternal kingdom with its blessings and rewards.

We must show gratitude. We must give God the service He desires.

We must approach God with reverence for His holiness, power, justice and wrath.

Stand in awe of God and remember that He is a consuming fire.

His wrath will consume the ungodly, ungrateful and disrespectful.

II. In Regard To Others

A. Set A Good Example

Matt. 13:16 “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

We are to be a good influence: attendance and worship of God brings others to honor God.

We must do good.

Tit. 2:6-8 “Likewise urge the young men to be sensible;
7 in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified,
8 sound in speech which is beyond reproach, in order that the opponent may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.”

Young men are especially commanded to be good examples.

You have strength and power for good.

You can show people at an important time in life the right way live and worship God.

B. Encourage Others Who Serve

Acts 10:33 “So I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

Give the preacher the kind of audience that Peter was given in Cornelius’ house.

Rom. 1:12 “that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.”

All other Christians need to example of your faithfulness to encourage them.

Paul needed it so to all the members here no matter how old or how long they have served.

2 Jn. 1:4 “I was very glad to find some of your children walking in truth, just as we have received commandment to do from the Father.”

The apostle John found special joy in seeing young Christians walking faithfully in the commands. Assembling together is one of those commands.

C. Encourage All To Love And Good Works

Heb. 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.”

consider - To think about carefully and seriously; To show consideration for

to stimulate - To rouse to activity or heightened action, as by spurring or goading; excite

encouraging one another - To inspire with hope, courage, or confidence; hearten

D. Admonish (*put in mind*)

AHD - *the giving of advice or a warning so that a fault can be rectified or a danger avoided*

1 Thess. 5:14 “We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.”

Col 3:16 “Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

F. Invites

Rev. 22:17 “The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.”

III. In Regard To Yourself

A. Strengthen: Build Faith, Hope And Love

Assemblies exalt, teach, expound, and encourage belief and obedience to the word of God.

Acts 18:32 “And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Rom. 1:12 “that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other’s faith, both yours and mine.”

We brethren see the faith of other and the reasons for it, and its steadfastness, they are become encouraged. This gives pleasure to the one whose faith is seen.

Our own belief, by its effect on others, rebounds to our own encouragement.

B. Spiritual Growth: Milk, Meat And Exercise

1 Pet. 2:1, 2 “Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation”

Spiritual, life giving milk. Growth and strength is impossible without it.

Heb. 5:12-14 “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.”

Some are chronically weak because they do not eat and practice the word.

They are undernourished and flabby because they do not attend and study.

1 Tim. 4:16 “Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.”

C. Worship Is Designed For This

1. Songs & Teaching – Increase Knowledge
2. Lord’s Supper – Humility, Gratitude
3. Prayer – Faith
4. Giving – Generosity
5. Adoring God – Resemble Our Object Of Worship

IV. Escape Judgment

Neh. 9:30 “However, You bore with them for many years, And admonished them by Your Spirit through Your prophets, Yet they would not give ear. Therefore You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.”

They were judged because they did not listen to the word of the Lord.

It will be the exact same for us.

Heb. 10:25-31 “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.

26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.

28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know Him who said, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY.” And again, “THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.”

31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”