

Can't We Just Talk?

Why "Worship" Needs More than Preaching

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- I. What's the Biblical background for "worship"?
 - a. The first occurrence:

Gen. 22:5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the ass; I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you."
 - b. The second occurrence:

Ex. 24:1 And he said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and ... the elders of Israel, and worship afar off..." 4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. 6 And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. 7 Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do..." 8 And Moses took the blood and threw it upon the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."
 - c. Elsewhere in the OT it almost always refers to either:
 - i. S _____: 1 Sam. 1:3 Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the LORD.
 - ii. P _____: Psa. 95:6: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
 - d. Worship according to Moses:
 - i. Ex. 23:14 "Three times in the year you shall keep a feast to me. 15 You shall keep the feast of unleavened bread; as I commanded you, you shall eat unleavened bread for seven days at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. None shall appear before me empty-handed. 16 You shall keep the feast of harvest, of the first fruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field. You shall keep the feast of ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labor. 17 Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the Lord GOD.
 - ii. Worship consisted of S _____: See Lev. 1-7
 - e. Worship according to David:

- i. S _____ for the first time:
1 Chr 15:16 David also commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brethren as the singers who should play loudly on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise sounds of joy ...
 - ii. Focus on the *Todah*, the sacrifice of T _____:
Psa. 50:14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High;
Psa. 50:23 He who brings thanksgiving as his sacrifice honors me; to him who orders his way aright I will show the salvation of God!"
Psa. 116:17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.
Lev. 22:29 And when you sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, you shall sacrifice it so that you may be accepted. 30 It shall be eaten on the same day, you shall leave none of it until morning: I am the LORD.
 - iii. Thanks for God's *Hesed*, or covenant F _____
Psa. 107:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever!
 - 1. Used _____ times in the Psalter
 - 2. Arguably the most important key _____ in the Psalms
- f. Worship instituted by Jesus:
- i. Luke 22:7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the passover for us, that we may eat it." ...14 And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. 15 And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I tell you I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 20 And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.
 - ii. Luke 24:13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem ... 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ... 25 And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. 28 So they drew near to the village to

which they were going. He appeared to be going further, 29 but they constrained him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening ...” So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight.

iii. Acts 20:7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the morrow; and he prolonged his speech until midnight ... 9 And a young man named Eutychus was sitting in the window. He sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer; and being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. 10 But Paul went down and bent over him, and embracing him said, “Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.” 11 And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed. 12 And they took the lad away alive, and were not a little comforted.

iv. Justin Martyr, First Apology:

And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, ... then... the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things. Then we all rise together and pray, and, as we before said, when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the president in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings ... and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given, and to those who are absent a portion is sent by the deacons. And they who are well to do ... give what each thinks fit; and [it] is deposited with the president, who ... takes care of all who are in need. But Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is the first day on which God ... made the world; and Jesus Christ our Saviour on the same day rose from the dead. For He was crucified on the day before that of Saturn (Saturday); and on the day after that of Saturn, which is the day of the Sun, having appeared to His apostles and disciples, He taught them these things

II. Central to worship in both Old and New Testament is C_____ renewal through S_____ . Worship is not *primarily*:

a. E_____, much less

b. E_____, or an

c. E_____ E_____ ; though these things can be good in themselves.