

# **BIBLICAL WORSHIP**

# **BIBLICAL ORDINANCES**

**12 Traits of a Biblical Church**

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## BIBLICAL WORSHIP

God has designed our souls to be satisfied in worshipping Him.

*O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.*

*Psalm 63:1-8*

We glorify God through worship that is...

- God-centered.
  - We want to cultivate a high view of God.

*In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" <sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.*

*Isaiah 6:1-4*

- We want to nurture a humble view of ourselves.

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*

*James 4:10*

- Word-driven.
  - As we expose the Word, God directs our worship.

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.*

*1 Timothy 4:13*

*I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.*

*2 Timothy 4:1-4*

- Worship thus becomes a rhythm of His revelation and our response.

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Romans 12:1-2

- Gospel-saturated.

- We declare the gospel in our preaching, our praying, and our singing.

*For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.*

1 Timothy 2:5-6

- We display the gospel through the Lord's Supper and baptism.

*<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

Romans 6:3-4

*<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

- Personally honest.

- We are honest about suffering.

*I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. <sup>2</sup> He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. <sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust,...*

Psalms 40:1-4

*“I would like to make just one observation: the psalms, the Bible’s own hymnbook, have almost entirely dropped from view in the contemporary Western evangelical scene. I am not certain about why this should be, but I have an instinctive feel that it has more than a little to do with the fact that a high proportion of the psalter is taken up with lamentation, with feeling sad, unhappy, tormented, and broken. In modern Western culture, these are simply not emotions which have much credibility: sure, people still feel these things, but to admit that they are a normal part of one’s everyday life is tantamount to admitting that one has failed in today’s health, wealth, and happiness society.... Few Christians in areas where the church has been strongest over recent decades – China, Africa, Eastern Europe – would regard uninterrupted emotional highs as normal Christian experience.”*

*Carl Trueman*

- We are honest about sin.

*I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

*Psalm 32:5*

- We are honest about salvation.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

- Appropriately horizontal.

- We are a family participating together in worship before our Father.

<sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

*Ephesians 5:18-21*

- We are a body united together in worship before our God.

<sup>26</sup> What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

*1 Corinthians 14:26*

- Authentically \_\_\_\_\_ expressive \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Affections \_\_\_\_\_ in worship...

*You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

*Psalm 16:11*

- Drive \_\_\_\_\_ actions \_\_\_\_\_ in worship.

*Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! <sup>2</sup>For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.*

*Psalm 47:1-2*

*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! <sup>2</sup>Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! <sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup>In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. <sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. <sup>6</sup>Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! <sup>7</sup>For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

*Psalm 95:1-7*

- Inevitably \_\_\_\_\_ missional \_\_\_\_\_.

- Worship as the church is the \_\_\_\_\_ fuel \_\_\_\_\_ of our mission.

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! <sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. <sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

*<sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.*

*Psalm 96:1-4*

- Worship among the nations is the \_\_\_\_\_ goal \_\_\_\_\_ of our mission.

*<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."*

*Revelation 7:9-12*

## BIBLICAL ORDINANCES

God prescribes two practices for the church to participate in together:

Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

*<sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

*Acts 2:36-42*

Baptism is a public demonstration of our initial identification with Christ and His church.

WHY should I be baptized?

- To follow the example of Christ.

*Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

*Matthew 3:13-17*

- To obey the command of Christ.

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,...*

*Matthew 28:19*

*There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

*Ephesians 4:4-6*

## WHAT is the meaning of baptism?

- A celebration of the grace of Christ.

*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

*Romans 6:3-4*

- An illustration of the gospel of Christ.
- A declaration of the glory of Christ.

*<sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*

*Colossians 2:11-15*

## HOW should I be baptized?

- The most biblical mode of baptism is immersion.

## WHO should be baptized?

- Everyone who has been born again.

## WHEN should I be baptized?

- As soon as you trust in Christ for salvation.

*<sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

*Acts 2:38*

*So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.*

*Acts 2:41*



<sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. <sup>13</sup> Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.

Acts 8:12-13

<sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

Acts 8:36-38

And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized.

Acts 9:18

<sup>47</sup> "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

<sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Acts 10:47-48

<sup>14</sup> One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Acts 16:14-15

<sup>32</sup> And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.

Acts 16:31-33

<sup>8</sup> Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized.

Acts 18:7-8

- As soon as you can best publicly \_\_\_\_\_ proclaim \_\_\_\_\_ your salvation.

The Lord's Supper is a public celebration of our continual identification with Christ and His church.

*<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. <sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.*

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

WHO should participate in the Lord's Supper?

- Followers of Christ share in the life of Christ as they partake of the Lord's Supper.
- Those who are not followers of Christ see the love of Christ as they watch the Lord's Supper.

WHERE should we have the Lord's Supper?

- The only biblical requirement: the gathering of the church.

WHEN should we have the Lord's Supper?

- The command: Observe it often.
- The question: What about weekly?

WHAT is the meaning of the Lord's Supper?

- A traditional misunderstanding: a change of substance that results in salvation.
- A biblical understanding: a symbolic meal that reflects salvation.

WHY should we celebrate the Lord's Supper?

- We remember ...
  - We remember the body of Jesus.
  - We remember the blood of Jesus.

- We \_\_\_\_\_ reflect \_\_\_\_\_ ...
  - We reflect on our sin.
  - We reflect on God's forgiveness.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ renew \_\_\_\_\_ ...
  - We renew our commitment to Christ.
  - We renew our commitment to each other.
  - We renew our commitment to His mission.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ rejoice \_\_\_\_\_ ...
  - We rejoice because Jesus has set us free.
  - We rejoice because He is coming back.

*"For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."  
Luke 22:18*

### **Practical Takeaway**

- In a few sentences, write out 1-3 steps you can take to more intentionally and meaningfully participate in biblical worship and/or ordinances.