

Worship

- *But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."* John 4:23-24
- **True** Worshipers – in spirit and truth
- The Father **seeks** such
- God is Spirit
- worship **must** in spirit & truth

Distinction: In the Home and Church

- Now **on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread** Acts 20:7
- when you **come together as a church**, I hear that there are divisions among you 1 Cor 11:18
- when you **come together in one place**, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. 1 Cor 11:20
- Therefore, my brethren, **when you come together** to eat, wait for one another. 34 But **if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home**, 1 Cor 11:33-34
- Whenever **you come together**, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching 1 Cor 14:26
- let them **ask their own husbands at home**; for it is **shameful for women to speak in church**. 1 Cor 14:35
- not forsaking **the assembling of ourselves together**, Heb 10:25

Worship in the Assembly

- Difference: What we can do at home and what we can do in the assembly:
- *I desire therefore that **the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting**; 9 in like manner also, that the **women adorn themselves in modest apparel**, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, 10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. 11 **Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.** 12 **And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.** 1 Tim 2:8-12*

Worship

- These instructions not for **home** but the **church**
- *These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; 15 but if I am delayed, **I write so that you may know how one ought to conduct themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.** 1 Tim 3:14-16*
- Times have changed: Role of women has put pressure on the church. Worship in Spirit and truth requires our submission.
- God's Word did not change! Only the culture.
- We must choose between our culture and our God.
- This is how one should act worship in the church

Worship in Truth or Tradition?

- *He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 7 And **in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**' 8 For **laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men** — the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." 9 He said to them, "**All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.** Mk. 7:6-9*

Praying in the Assembly

- *Men pray everywhere lifting up holy hands without wrath or disputing*
- At home we can pray and seek forgiveness.
- When here our hands must be holy.
- Men who are leading prayer need to be cleansed and pure before they come before the church.
- If hands are not holy but defiled (unrepented sin), confess and remove it or ask to be replaced.
- There can be no residual issues of wrath:
 - Problems with road rage; family problems
 - If still angry pray to remove it or be replaced

Praying in the Assembly

- Although addressing spiritual gifts – same principles
- *For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and **I will also pray with the understanding**. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. 16 Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, **how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? 17 For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified. 1 Cor 14:14f***
- Two Key Principles: Our prayers must be worded so all can say amen ... Must be for their edification.
- Not tongues today – topics and wording. Not Private

Contents of Prayer (Home)

- *In this manner, therefore, pray:*
- *Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.*
- *Your kingdom come*
- *Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.*
- *Give us this day our daily bread.*
- *forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.*
- *And do not lead us into temptation,*
- *But deliver us from the evil one.*
- *For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. Mt 6:9-13*
- No specific commands regarding praying in the church ... It is a prayer directed by one man, but participated in by the whole church.

Summing up the Contents

- Hallow God's name.
- The Kingdom
- God's Will
- Daily Necessities
- Forgiveness of sins
- Avoiding Temptation,
- Deliverance from the Evil One.
- Glory and Praise to God
- Amen.

Too Many Things for One Prayer

- *Therefore I exhort first of all that **supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority,** that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 1 Tim 2:1-3*
- ***giving thanks always for all things** to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Eph 5:20-21*
- *18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and **supplication for all the saints — 19 and for me,** that utterance may be given to me, Eph 6:18-19*

Our Dilemma

- Want to cover everything in one prayer...
- But 15-30 minutes or more is not practical ...
- It is at home ... but not in the church...
- *you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.*
- The length of my prayer affects edifying
- *Let all things be done decently and in order. 1 Cor 14:40*
- We have to be considerate ...

Hallowed Be Your Name

- *And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments” Dan 9:4*
- *“O Lord GOD, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand, for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do anything like Your works and Your mighty deeds? “ Deut 3:24*

The Kingdom

- *praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints — 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, Eph 6:18-20*
- *Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me, 31 that I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, Rom 15:30-31*

The Kingdom

- *Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. Rom 10:1-2*
- *Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Gal 6:1-3*
- Praying for the Lost
- Praying for the needs of the saints
- Praying for the sick, infirm, etc.

Giving Thanks

- *giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*
Eph 5:20-21
- *do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.* *Col 3:17*
- *in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* *1Th 5:18*
- *Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.* *Heb 13:15*

In Jesus' Name

- *whatever you ask the Father **in My name** He may give you. Jn 15:16-17*
- *"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, **whatever you ask the Father in My name** He will give you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. Jn 16:23-24*
- *In that day **you will ask in My name**, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; 27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. Jn 16:26-28*
- *For there is **one God and one Mediator between God and men**, the Man Christ Jesus, 1 Tim 2:5-6*

Amen

- *Fourteen times God demanded the people say Amen while on Mt Ebal & Mt Gerizim*
- *And the Levites shall speak with a loud voice and say to all the men of Israel: 'Cursed is the one who makes a carved or molded image, an abomination to the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret.' "And **all the people shall answer and say, 'Amen!'** Dt 27:11-26*

Amen

- *Then I shook out the fold of my garment and said, "So may God shake out each man from his house, and from his property, who does not perform this promise. Even thus may he be shaken out and emptied." And **all the assembly said, "Amen!"** and praised the Lord. Then the people did according to this promise. Neh 5:13*
- *And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6 And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. Then **all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!"** while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Neh 8:5-6*

Amen

- *7 On that day David first delivered this psalm into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank the Lord: 36 **And all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the Lord** 1Chron 16:7. 36*
- *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! And **let all the people say, Amen!** Praise the Lord! Ps 106:48*
- *Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed **say "Amen"** at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? 1Cor. 14:16*