

A Study of the Divine Service
Worship: What It Is & Why We Do It

Handout 

The Sermon

Psalm 19:14 – God Wants His Word Preached to His People

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

Mark 16:16 – Preach the Gospel so that it may be Believed

¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Romans 1:16 – The Preached Gospel is the Power of God for salvation.

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Luke 24:46-47 – Good Preaching Proclaims Repentance and Forgiveness

⁴⁶Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

1 Corinthians 1:22-24 –Preach Christ Crucified

²²For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 – Preach that Reconciliation comes through Christ

¹⁸Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Luke 3:18 – Preach the Good News

¹⁸And with many other exhortations he [John the baptizer] preached to the people.

Acts 17:18 – Preach Jesus and the Resurrection

¹⁸Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

9. The Offering and Offertory

Ephesians 2:17-18 – Access to the Father through the Spirit

¹⁷And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. ¹⁸For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Genesis 4:2-5 – Give Your First and Best

Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. ³And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. ⁴Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, ⁵but He did not respect Cain and his offering

1 Peter 2:5 – Our Sacrifices are Acceptable Through Jesus

⁵you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 4:3-5 – God's Word and Prayer Make All Created Things Holy

³forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; ⁵for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

Romans 12:1 – Present Your Bodies as Living Sacrifices

¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 – Live Bountifully, Cheerfully, and From the Heart

⁶But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Hebrews 7:25 – Approach the Father Through Jesus

²⁵Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

The Offering

1 Corinthians 16:1-4 – Give First to God and on a Regular Basis

¹Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: ²On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. ³And when I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴But if it is fitting that I go also, they will go with me.

2 Corinthians 8:5-7 – Give Yourself to God and then to Others

⁵And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God. ⁶So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. ⁷But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also.

1 Chronicles 29:14 – We Give Back to God what He has First Given to Us

¹⁴But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You.

Hebrews 13:15-16 – Sacrifices of Praise, Doing Good, and Sharing

¹⁵Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. ¹⁶But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

The Offertory – “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Psalm 51:10-12 – Create in Me a Clean Heart and Renew a Right Spirit

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. (*¹³Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You.*)

The Offertory – “What Shall I Render to the Lord”

Psalm 116:12-14, 17-19 – What Shall I Render

¹²What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits toward me? ¹³I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. ¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His people.

¹⁷I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD. ¹⁸I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, ¹⁹in the courts of the LORD’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!