

Lesson Four:
FIVE STEPS OF MAN WITH GOD

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Worthy Is God
Blessing, Honor, Glory, Power

ONE

SING

Ephesians 5:19
Colossians 3:16
I Corinthians 14:15
Hebrews 2:12

TWO

STUDY

Acts 20:7-11
II Timothy 4:1-5
I Corinthians 15:1-4
II Timothy 2:14-18

THREE

PRAY

Matthew 6:9-13
Hebrews 4:14-16
I Timothy 2:1-8
I John 5:14,15

FOUR

GIVE

I Corinthians 16:1,2
II Corinthians 8,9
Acts 2:42
Galatians 6:6

FIVE

LORD'S SUPPER

Matthew 26:26-29
Acts 2:42
Acts 20:7
I Corinthians 11:23-29

Questions from the Chart: 5 Steps of Man with God

1. Read Revelation, chapters 4 and 5; then read Psalm 111. Place a check mark before each chapter after reading it.

___ Revelation 4

___ Revelation 5

___ Psalm 111

2. Worthy is God to receive blessing, honor, glory, and power.

True ___ False ___

3. Match the reference with the appropriate act of worship (each item in the right-hand column is used twice).

___ 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 a. Sing

___ Acts 20:7-11 b. Study

___ Acts 2:42 c. Pray

___ Ephesians 5:19 d. Give

___ Matthew 6:9-13 e. Lord's Supper

___ Hebrews 4:14-16

___ Colossians 3:16

___ 2 Corinthians 8-9

___ Matthew 26:26-29

___ 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Questions from the Video

4. God does not accept just anything that we offer Him. True ___ False ___

5. God only accepts that which His word teaches is pleasing to Him. True ___ False ___

6. The New Testament teaches that we must worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

True ___ False ___

7. Some things that we do in worship can make our worship vain (Matthew 15:9).

True ___ False ___

8. The basis for authority today is (a) Moses; (b) Mohammed; (c) Jesus Christ (see Colossians 3:17).

9. Whenever the early church deviated from the pattern for worship (a) they were told that if they were sincere, it did not matter; (b) they were taken out and stoned; (c) they were warned to come back to the pattern.

Sing

10. Ephesians 5:19: " _____ to _____ in psalms and hymns and _____ songs, _____ and making _____ in your _____ to the Lord."

This verse teaches that we are *all* to sing, and that this singing is to be from the heart (the "instrument"). This verse does not endorse any other kind of music than singing.

11. Colossians 3:16: "Let the _____ of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; _____ and _____ one _____ in _____ and hymns and spiritual songs, _____ with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

We are to sing to the Godhead! This verse is a parallel to Ephesians 5:19. It, too, does not give any authority for any other kind of music than singing (such as humming, clapping, using musical instruments). And this verse also teaches that we are *all* to sing ("teaching and admonishing one another").

12. 1 Corinthians 14:15: "What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will _____ with the spirit, and I will _____ with the _____ also."

There is no verse in the New Testament that speaks of any other kind of music as worship to God in the church except singing. Only singing meets all of the requirements found in these verses!

Study

13. Match the phrase with the passage from which it comes.

___ he was buried a. 2 Timothy 4:1

___ I declare unto you the gospel b. 2 Timothy 4:2

___ Shun profane and vain babblings c. 2 Timothy 4:3-5

___ I charge thee d. 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

___ Study to show thyself approved e. 1 Corinthians 15:3

___ Christ died for our sins f. 1 Corinthians 15:4

___ Preach the word g. 2 Timothy 2:14-15

___ They will not endure sound doctrine h. 2 Timothy 2:16-18

2 Timothy 4:1-5 teaches that Timothy had a grave responsibility to do the work of the evangelist *and* that the hearers also had a responsibility not to desire anything but the word of God.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 teaches us that the gospel includes the fundamental message of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

2 Timothy 2:14-18 teaches us that Timothy was responsible to help people remember that which was true. He was to do this by using the Bible correctly in his own study! He was to avoid all things that would lead his hearers astray and overthrow their faith.

This pattern (see also 1 Timothy 2) for preaching the word includes the fact that *men* are to do the

preaching. Women are *not* given the role of being preachers to mixed audiences anywhere in the New Testament.

Pray

14. Matthew 6:9-13 says: "After this _____ therefore pray ye: Our _____ which art in heaven, _____ be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in _____, as it is in heaven. _____ us this day our daily _____. And forgive us our debts, as we _____ our debtors. And lead us not into _____, but deliver us from _____: For thine is the _____, and the _____, and the _____, for ever. Amen."

There are several items in this prayer that are to be in our prayers today. But there is one item that we should not pray for—since it has already been fulfilled—"Thy kingdom come." When Jesus said this, His kingdom had not come yet. But later He said it would come in their lifetime (Mark 9:1). It did come in Acts 2, so we must not pray this today.

15. Hebrews 4:14-16: "Seeing then that we have a _____, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be _____ with the feeling of our _____; but was in _____ points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come _____ unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain _____, and find _____ to help in time of need."

Christians have the right to boldly approach the throne of grace as a result of the mediation of Christ and His experience of having lived "where we live." At the same time, let us not make our prayers totally a matter of "asking." Let us pay God His due homage, reverencing Him as He deserves to be revered, giving Him praise and honor in our prayers.

16. 1 Timothy 2:5,8: "For there is one _____, and one _____ between God and men, the _____ Christ Jesus...I will therefore that _____ pray _____, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."

Verse 5 shows that prayer is *to* God *through* Christ. Verse 8 shows that Paul was instructing *men* to lead the prayers (note further instruction in the rest of the chapter on your own).

Many would like to think and claim that parts of this chapter are outdated and do not apply today (particularly the instructions regarding the roles and authority of men and women). But there is no reason for us to believe this claim. Paul was a genuine apostle, his writings were given to him by the Holy Spirit (Who got them from Christ, Who got them from God; see Lesson 2), and these things are just as authoritative today as when they were written.

Give

17. Read these verses and answer the questions that follow:

1 Corinthians 16:1-2: *"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."*

2 Corinthians 8:5: *"And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God."*

2 Corinthians 9:6-7: *"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."*

Acts 2:42: *"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."*

Questions on the Above References:

- a. Concerning what kind of collection was Paul writing? _____
- b. What other churches had received this order? (a) churches of Galatia; (b) Protestant churches; (c) Jewish synagogues.
- c. Upon what day of the week was this collection to be taken up? _____
- d. How were they to decide how much to give? (a) give a tenth [tithe]; (b) give more than a tenth; (c) as they were prospered.

e. What did some people do "first" according to 2 Corinthians 8:5? _____

f. How will the one who sows sparingly reap? _____

g. How will the one who sows bountifully reap? _____

h. What should a Christian do in his heart before giving? _____

i. What two things should not be a part of our giving? (a) grudgingly or happily;

(b) of necessity or on Sunday; (c) grudgingly or of necessity.

j. What kind of a giver does God love? _____

k. What word in Acts 2:42 includes giving (the Greek word is *koinonia*; translated "communicate" in Galatians 6:6)? _____

Lord's Supper

18. Matthew 26:26-29: "And as they were eating, Jesus took _____, and blessed it, and brake it, and _____ it to the _____, and said, Take, eat; this is my _____. And he took the _____, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my _____ of the _____ testament, which is shed for many for the _____ of sins. But I say unto you, I will not _____ henceforth of this _____ of the _____, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's _____."

These verses clearly show the two items that are to be used in the Lord's supper: _____ and the _____ of the _____. They also show that this is to be done in the kingdom (or church) of Christ, which is exactly what took place in Acts 2:42, the "birthday" of the church!

19. Acts 2:42: "And they continued _____ in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in _____ of _____, and in prayers."

This was Pentecost (see verses 1-4) which was always a Sunday (Leviticus 23:15-16).

20. Acts 20:7: "And upon the _____ _____ of the week, when the disciples _____ _____ to _____ _____, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the

morrow; and continued his speech until midnight."

They were continuing to observe the Lord's supper on Sunday. There is no example or command that gives us authority to observe the Lord's supper any other way (unleavened bread and fruit of the vine) on any other day (every Sunday).

Conclusion

21. Words of warning: God has always expected to be worshipped according to what He said He wanted.

<u>Period</u>	<u>Passage</u>	<u>Whose Worship Was Rejected?</u>
Patriarchal	Genesis 4	_____
Mosaic	Leviticus 10	_____ and _____
Christian	Acts 5	_____ and _____

The test for our worship is that true love will always obey God through Jesus Christ.

'By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name'

—Hebrews 13:15