

HIRAM CHURCH OF CHRIST

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LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE YOU AND SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU

“Salute one another with a holy kiss, the churches of Christ salute you.” Romans 16:16

FIRST CENTURY CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

MINISTER: MELVIN J. BRYANT II

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcement: Matt Johnson
First Prayer: Matt Johnson
Song Leader: Kwame Abdul
Second Prayer: Jeff Kirkland
Lord’s Table: Clarence Proctor
 Melvin J. Bryant III
Message: Melvin J. Bryant II
Third Prayer: Devin Bryant

Missions: India & Child Haven

Attendance

Morning Hour: 27
Bible Class: 33
Worship: 52
Wednesday: 21
Contribution: \$TBA

Service Each Lord’s Day - Weekly

- The Morning Hour - 9:00am
- Bible Class 10:00am
- Morning Worship 11:00am
- Wed. Evening Bible Classes 7:30pm

The Morning Hour

- Announcements
- Prayer
- Song
- 25 Minute Study - Rightly Dividing
- Card Writing/Mail Outs
- Prepare for 10:00am Bible Class

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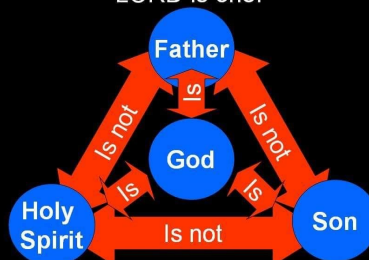
“If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever.” Amen.

1 Peter 4:11

PLAN OF SALVATION

- ★ Taught by God - John 6:45
- ★ Believe - John 8:24
- ★ Repent - Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30
(Repentance entails counting the cost)
- ★ Confess - Matthew 10:32-33
- ★ Be Baptized - Matthew 28:18-20
- ★ Live a FAITHFUL life until death - Revelation 2:10

Deuteronomy 6:4
 “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!”



WHAT IF WE BEGAN TO TREAT OUR BIBLES THE WAY WE TREATED OUR CELL PHONES?

WHAT IF WE...

...carried it with us everywhere?

...turn back to get it if we forgot it?

...checked it for messages throughout the day?

...used it in case of emergencies?

...spend an hour or more each day using it?



What would our lives look like?

ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES

Lea Overton (Jeff's mother), Sebastian and Erica Suraez, Ron McCurry (shut in-visits requested), Polly Tunstall (Amy's mother), Amy Brown, Ameena and James Redic, Ann Phillips, Harold and Dean Reeves, Potts/Williams family, Kilwonia Chandler, Barbara Helton, Vera Patrick, Mary Troup, Joanie, Kitty (Dawn's Aunt - stomach problems), Charlie Griffin, Patty Dale, Daniel Welker (kidney transplant), Al Gattis (COPD), Shirley Glosson (radiation), Heather Houle (Asher's former teacher – brain cancer), Don Walker's family, Ben Westbrook, Mary Brock daughters.

PRAYER REQUEST

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- ▶ **Dennis Johnsons** Matt's father underwent testing on last week, let us keep him in our prayers that all things will be well with him.
- ▶ **Brad and Doranda** is in need of prayer as they have to make some decisions about relocating.
- ▶ **Patty** is at home from the Floyd Polk Medical Rehab center and is doing well.
- ▶ **Mary Troup** is had mouth surgery and is in need of our prayers.
- ▶ **Ann Phillips** is still in need of prayer.
- ▶ **Ron McCurry** new number is 404-313-5288. He would appreciate calls. Also, he has requested prayers for his son in law, Tommy. He has some major medical issues, he goes in 3 weeks to see if the fluid of his pancreas has left, if fluid is still in his pancreas, the doctors will put a stint in to his colon, which will have him in the hospital between 7-10 days.
- ▶ **Traci Bryant** father lost his brother last Thursday. Let us keep the Molden family in our prayers.
- ▶ **Erica** has been ill and is in need of prayer for her overall health. She appreciates everyone calling and checking in on her.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

February Birthday's

Jeff - 4th

JoAnn - 17th

Vera - 24th

Local Church News.

Traveling.

Patty has traveled to Oklahoma and plans to be there for awhile.



Hiram Church of Christ News.

Let us keep James Munsell in our prayers. He was added to the Lord on January 20, 2019. He found our church Youtube channel and studied with Bro. Bryant, now he's a child of God. He was baptized at the Quivira Heights church of Christ in Topeka, Ks.



We have been asked to keep another interested person in prayer. Her name is Maricela, she has asked that we keep her sons, Antonio and Alexander along with ex-husband Torrell and friend Justin in prayer. She lives in California, and she too has found our Youtube channel and has shown interest in studying more regarding the word of God. Let us pray that the Lord will open her heart to heed the things spoken.



We will have our Potluck dinners on each last Sunday of the month.



“Worship...God” Part III

John 4:23-24

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

Worship has been something that God requires mankind to do from the beginning of time. He has ALWAYS required man to worship Him. Now under different administration, *that is*, dispensational periods, And when I say, “Dispensational Periods,” I am simply referring to a system of order of HOW God desired to be “Worship”.

I. WHAT IS WORSHIP?

- A. BDAG defines “Worship” as, “to express in attitude or gesture one’s complete dependence on or submission to a high authority figure, (to fall down and) worship, do obeisance to, prostrate oneself before, do reverence to, welcome respectfully.” (3rd ed., p. 882).
- B. Liddell and Scott defines “Worship” as, “to make obeisance to gods, fall down and worship, to adore.”
- C. Louw-Nida defines “Worship” as, “to prostrate oneself before someone as an act of reverence, fear, or supplication—‘to prostrate oneself before.’” (Vol. 1, p. 217)

II. THERE ARE THREE SYSTEMS OF ORDER WE FIND IN THE BIBLE

- (1) There was the “Patriarchal Period.”
 - How did they “Worship” God under this period of time? (see Genesis 4:1-5).
 - (a) Adam and Eve had two sons, and even with these sons, God required them to offer Him proper (or true) worship!
 - Both sons were required to bring their offerings!
 - Cain brought an offering of the “Fruit of the Ground.” (verse 3).
 - Abel also brought of the “Firstborn of his flock and of their fat.” (verse 4).
 - *However*, God did NOT Respect Cain and his offering. (verse 5). And, God NOT respecting his offering, Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.
 - The reason why God had NO RESPECT for Cain’s offering is because he offered it without adhering to the commands of the Lord!
 - There are “some” in religious circles who TRY to offer an explanation and say that God didn’t Respect Cain’s offering because it was not from the First Fruit. That’s inaccurate. (cf. Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:4). Abel’s offering was a “More Excellent Sacrifice” than Cain because Abel emphatically offered his gift BY FAITH, that is, by OBEYING what God commanded!
 - We can’t offer to God what we cannot find WRITTEN in the Word of God!
 - (b) God tries to help Cain and put him on the right path (Genesis 4:6-7).
 - What is God telling us here? If we want to be well pleasing to Him, (“If” we want to do well ;-)) we MUST do what He commands! And, “IF” we do what He commands under the dispensational period of worship that governs us, we WILL be accepted by Him just as Abel was accepted!
 - Allow me to add this....God didn’t have to tell Cain not to offer the fruit, ONCE He established what He desired, EVERYTHING ELSE was Unauthorized!
 - We CANNOT offer God what He has NOT Commanded!

- (2) There was the “Mosaic Period.”
- (a) Under the "Mosaic Administration," God commanded Israel to Worship Him a certain way! (see Exodus 30:8; Leviticus 9:22-24).
- God has ALWAYS given instructions as to how we wants His command(s) carried out!
 - In Exodus chapter 29, Aaron and his sons are consecrated for the service of the Lord, (they are Priest - Today, we are a “Royal Priesthood” according to 1 Peter 2:9, and; WE are to carry out the commands under Christ Administration JUST as God has commanded.
 - In Exodus 30:8-9, God is telling Aaron and his sons what He EXPECTS of THEM when burning incense on the alter. So, God has ESTABLISHED what He Expects!
 - Under the “Mosaic Administration,” there were several offering made. Leviticus 9:4 speaks of, the Sin Offering, the Burnt Offering, the Peace Offering, And; the Grain Offering and these “Offerings” had to be ACCORDING to the PRESCRIBED MANNER! (Leviticus 9:16).
 - What is the point here? God is SPECIFIC on how He desires things to be done!
 - Once Moses and Aaron did EXACTLY what God commanded, how did He respond to their offering? (see Leviticus 9:22-24).
 - There was a “Prescribed Manner” on how God desired things to be done, under the “Patriarchal System,” *that is*, with Adam, Cain and Abel, Noah, Abraham and others! AND; under the “Mosaic System” there was a “Prescribed Manner” of how God desired things to be done with the children of Israel....Anything else outside of what is commanded is UNAUTHORIZED!
- (b) The Profane fire of Nadab and Abihu (Leviticus 10:1-2)
- God had already established in Exodus 30:9 that He commanded the Priest NOT to offer ANY Strange (or Profane) fire on the alter!
 - Here is a CLEAR example of what we call, doing things our way in worship!
 - Now, here are some clear pointers that we sometimes miss when studying this: (1). Each son had to come before the Lord with their offering (just like Cain and Abel). *In other words*, today, I can't WORSHIP for you, And, you can't Worship for me! As Christians, EACH ONE OF US are to come before the Lord with the appropriate sacrifices today! (2). Each son was accountable for their own actions! God is NOT going to hold me responsible for your LACK of service to Him, and He will NOT hold you accountable for my lack of service to Him! (3). Each son had his censer that had to be offered! If you want to come before the Lord today and mumble SING to Him, that's on you, BUT; I plan to lift my VOICE to God in Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs, JUST AS HE HAS COMMANDED!
 - We are NOT to ALTER (Or Substitute) what God has Comanded! We are NOT to give God LESS than what He has Comanded! We are NOT to GO BEYOND what is Written! (1 Corinthians 4:6). Deuteronomy 12:32, God said, “WHATEVER I COMMAND you, be CAREFUL to Observe it; you shall NOT ADD to NOR take away from it!” (cf. Deuteronomy 4:2; 13:18; Proverbs 30:6 Revelation 22:18-19).
- (3) There is the Christian Dispensation. (John 4:23-24).
- Today, we “Worship” God in “Spirit,” *that is*, in sincerity (with the right heart), And; “Truth” is according to the Word of God. (John 17:17).
 - How are we commanded to “Worship” God today? We Offer prayers to God through Christ Jesus (Colossians 3:17). We Observed the Lord's supper (Acts 20:7). We GIVE of our means (1 Corinthians 16:2). Preachers are to TEACH and PREACH the Word of God (Acts 20:7). We are to COLLECTIVELY sing songs...*that is*, EVERYONE is required to sing SPIRITUAL song to God in service to Him. (Colossians 3:16). And, ALL these, “Acts of Worship” are to be conducted on THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK! “IF” we miss ANY ONE of these, our “Worship” service is INCOMPLETE, and therefore, GOD will NOT accept it! To be continued....