**SERVICE SCHEDULE for October 13, 2019**

**Announcements for the Week** Darryl Griffing

**Morning Service Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Cliff Davis **Prayer-** Jason LaChappelle

**Song Leader-** Scott Lucas **Song Leader-** Roger German

**Communion:**

**-- Comments –** Andy Fuller **Comments –** Cliff Davis

**-- Assisting –** Darryl Griffing **Communion –** Andy Fuller

**-- Assisting –** Jared Davis

**-- Assisting –** Mark Jones

**-- Assisting –** Dean Shacklock

**-- Scripture –** Lucian Griffing **Scripture –** Lucian Griffing

**Closing Prayer-** David Johnson **Closing Prayer-** Brandon Esque

**Wednesday Night – October 16, 2019**

**First Prayer–** Connor LaChappelle

**Song Leader –** Don Casper

**Invitation –** Darryl Griffing

**Closing Prayer –** David Johnson

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **October** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **13** | Woodward | We urge everyone to check your pew area and |
| **20** | Williams | Pick up any loose papers, wrappers, etc. |

**Good Thoughts --**

**Avoiding Temptation -- You don’t go to a restaurant to smell the food! Temptation often comes in through a door that has been deliberately left open. Temptation is not a sin, it’s an invitation to sin. Don’t accept the invitation. Temptations from without have no drawing power unless there is a desire within. – Ron Adams**

**Circumstances which we have resented, situations which we have found desperately difficult, have all been the means in the hands of God of driving the nails into the self-life which so easily complains. - Alan Redpath**

**I dare not exercise personal liberty if it infringes on the liberty of others.**

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***Schedule of Services***

**Sunday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.**

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***Can You Find It In The Old Testament?***

1. “An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.”

2. “Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy”

3. “Himself took our iniquities, and bare our sicknesses.”

4. “I will have mercy, and not sacrifice.”

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***On Worship***

**By Norman Buselmeier, Houston, TX [July 23, 1953]**

***"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:23-24).***

According to this statement of the Lord by John, God wants worshippers who shall worship him in spirit and in truth. That these only shall be the true worshippers. The Lord says further of those who worship God — that in spirit and in truth it must be done.

There are some phrases so simple in construction and yet so specifically definitive in their meaning, that to fail in understanding would seem impossible; but which at the same time, upon meditation, open up a field for thought far beyond the horizon, which would seem to defy the human intellect to comprehend.

***On Worship***

**Continued**

Worship is essentially a spiritual business. It has to do with God on one hand, the spirit and soul of man on the other. Man acts — God receives. The Spirit acts — man receives. This is a realm in which God's word is the only authority, the law final! God has in every respect the right to say who shall worship Him, and how. This He does. True worshippers — to worship in spirit and truth.

***In Spirit:*** This has to do with the feelings, the emotions, the sensibilities, and the ability to demonstrate them; which are endowed by our creator only on his humankind. And it would seem, since God is "jealous," that these attributes were given us for the special purpose of directing them, demonstrating them, first and to the highest degree, toward Him who made us. To worship Him in spirit then, in the ideal, would be to exercise our feelings, our emotions and sensibilities exclusively toward God while we worship; to devote ourselves wholeheartedly, without thought for anything else; without reservation or purposeful distraction, entirely intent, to think, to feel, to show, by our attitude, that no extraneous thing engages our attention at the same time.

***In Truth:*** Those deeds which God has let us know will please Him, as worship, and which He has made known that He will accept as worship, and only those — no others!

The word "worship” has at least two grammatical designations: as a verb and as a noun. The transitive verb is meant here — with God as the direct object. As a verb, one would sing (songs); preach (the word); pray; give; eat and drink — proclaim by showing. As a noun — the act itself, the deed. We have the command to worship (verb), with precepts and examples of worship (the noun).

Each of these five acts for which there is precept and example is subject to certain elements to make them classify as acceptable worship to God. They must show reverence and devotion from an honest contrite heart. They must glorify and exalt God, etc. If these are present, the doing of the acts then becomes worship by faith, in truth, by the true worshippers.

In addition to worship in "truth" one must be sincere, earnest, and honest, with God and oneself. Merely a show of reverence, going through the motions of doing the acts, even showing emotion without feeling it, would hardly do. That would be like the hypocrites whom Jesus castigated, and like the ***"whited sepulchres," appearing beautiful outside, but inside "full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness." (Matthew 23:27)*** To worship in truth by true worshippers implies integrity, complete honesty and purpose.

One more thought it seems necessary to include here that has to do with preaching as worship. Preaching is the one act in worship done by one person. Is preaching any the less worship on the part of all who hear, for this? Is "hearing" not implicit in preaching? What good is there in preaching — if there are none to hear? For we who hear are having our thoughts directed into Godly channels. We are taught spiritual things. In our thought we become separated from the worldly; we consider holy, divine, uplifting, and edifying to ourselves, and in so doing, do we not exalt God? Do we not revere and praise Him the more, and by our attention show that we do? That preaching and hearing is desirable to God as worship should be unquestioned, since every necessary element is present. The one factor which would delete "hearing" from worship classification would be to have the ears open and mind closed.

I cannot leave this short discussion on worship without emphasizing one more point, concerning the benefits derived from "mass" action of all doing the same thing together at the same time. The primary definition of the word mass reads: "an assemblage of things that collectively make one quantity." Is the idea of assembling to collectively make one quantity not included in the Lord's prayer ***"that they all may be one, I in them, that they may be made perfect in one" (John 17),*** or in Paul's fervent expressions ***"if there be any fellowship of the spirit — be ye likeminded — having the same love — of one accord — of one mind — let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2)?*** It may seem puerile for one to suggest that there is a reason for this idea, but some seem to deny. I believe the reason is apparent in the mass influence of all doing the same thing — together. Further, to do anything else in worship, I believe would defeat the whole purpose of God. Thus it is, in part, for true worshippers to worship God in spirit and in truth.

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Matthew 5:38 [Exodus 21:24]

2. Matthew 5:43 [Leviticus 19:18]

3. Matthew 8:17 [Isaiah 53:4]

4. Matthew 9 :13 [Hosea 6:6]

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