

These episodes, of course, describe worship as a spiritual exercise, not necessarily in either the public or private sector. We think that if one first sees the role and reality of a life lived in the enjoyment of the Lord's Person, that this will do a lot towards moving us into a fuller life of expression...both publicly and privately.

1.10

C. The Importance and Function of Worship

1. Importance:

- a. It is commanded...from the first sacrifice in the Garden through the words of the Lord as recorded in 1 Corinthians 11.
- b. It is demonstrated in the Lord's life
- c. It is a key part in all the sacrifices and means of securing or knowing forgiveness.
- d. It is privileged position through which God's will and desire are made clearer (as in Isaiah 6)

1.11

2. Function:

- a. It allows us the privilege of "blessing God"---i.e, giving to Him what He does not have otherwise. In worship we give to Him honor and thanks with praise and in no sense of desire of a return.
- b. It allows us to appreciate loving God and being loved by God.
- c. It allows us to find fulfillment for ourselves in seeing our completeness in the truth the Lord has given and so prepares us to show the reality of our love for Him in obedience in the daily pathway.
- d. It gives us occasion for glorifying the Lord in the presence of the world.
- e. It enables us to enjoy the will of God in a way whereby we are freed from thoughts of failure and/or insecurity.

1.12

D. The Concept in (of) Worship Meetings:

1. General note on the Old Testament gatherings....
2. General comment on the early church (Acts 2:41-47)
3. The Communion remembrance..(1 Corinthians 11)
4. Generally one may say that worship served as a part of every function. There seem to have been no spiritual