

教會的敬拜

經文： 11 我又看見且聽見，寶座與活物並長老的周圍有許多天使的聲音；他們的數目有千千萬萬， 12 大聲說：曾被殺的羔羊是配得權柄、豐富、智慧、能力、尊貴、榮耀、頌讚的。 13 我又聽見在天上、地上、地底下、滄海裏，和天地間一切所有被造之物，都說：但願頌讚、尊貴、榮耀、權勢都歸給坐寶座的和羔羊，直到永永遠遠！ 14 四活物就說：「阿們！」眾長老也俯伏敬拜。(啓 5:11-14)

A) 神配得我們的敬拜，也理當得著我們的敬拜

— 祂是獨一的真神，萬有的主

- ❖ 神正極力呼召我們回歸祂創造我們的原本目的—永永遠遠敬拜祂，享受祂！—陶恕(A. W. Tozer)
- 不可敬拜別神，因為耶和華是忌邪的神(出 34:14)
- 『當』拜主你的神，『單』要事奉祂(路 4:8)

B) 真實敬拜的基本要求

1) 以神為中心的敬拜

- ❖ 約櫃安置好了之後，所有的敬拜才有意義
- ❖ 敬拜乃是信徒全人(心思、情感、意志、和身體)對神的所是、所言與所為的反應。—華倫·魏斯比(Warren W. Wiersbe)
- 31 約櫃安設之後，大衛派人在耶和華殿中管理歌唱的事。 32 他們就在會幕前當歌唱的差…按著班次供職(代上 6:31-32)

2) 心靈和誠實的敬拜

- ❖ 真實的敬拜乃是受造的人與神之間的相會和對話，對話的方式可以不同，但必須是發自內心最真誠的敬拜。
- ❖ 你禱告的時候寧可有心而沒有話，卻不可以有話而沒有心。—本仁約翰
- ...這百姓親近我，用嘴唇尊敬我，心卻遠離我；他們敬畏我，不過是領受人的吩咐。(賽 29:13)
- ...神是個靈，所以拜祂的，必須用心靈和誠實拜祂。(約 4:23-24)

3) 聖靈裡自由的敬拜

- ❖ 真正自由的敬拜一定是在聖靈裏。若要讓聖靈自由的運行，我們必須先學會在聚會中捨己、順服。
- 因為真受割禮的，乃是我們這以神的靈敬拜...不靠肉體的。(腓 3:3)
- 主就是那靈；主的靈在哪裏，那裏就得以自由。(林後 3:17)
- ...我們服事主，要按著心靈(或譯作：聖靈)的新樣，不按著儀文的舊樣(羅 7:6b)

- 叫人活著的乃是靈，肉體是無益的。(約 6:63a)

C) 教會的敬拜

1) 由個人的敬拜到團體的敬拜

一個人的經歷很重要，但是聖靈更大的工作與祝福是為著教會、且在教會裏。個人的敬拜不僅無法取代團體的敬拜，更是為著帶進更好的團體敬拜。

—在啟示錄裡，我們看到在寶座前的敬拜的都是團體的敬拜。**今日教會的敬拜是未來天上敬拜的小影。**

- 2) 所有的聚會都應當是『**以基督為中心的敬拜**』，所有真實的敬拜必定帶下降服與奉獻的回應。
- 3) 敬拜的方式絕不僅指音樂。SVCA 主日聚會包括：詩歌、擘餅記念主、信息、見證、回應、報告、及奉獻，每一部分都是敬拜。這是我們最能彰顯對神的認識、生命度量、事奉品質與教會見證的聚會。更廣的來說，連**所有的事奉都是敬拜**。
- 4) 教會的敬拜要在真理與合一的根基上，努力跨越所有文化、語言、年齡、背景...等等的限制，使眾人能同心合意地來敬拜神。例如：在唱詩方面，SVCA 所注重的是對的人與對的態度，更甚於詩歌長短、新舊的講究及音樂配合的方式。

D) 新約聖徒最有意義的敬拜－擘餅記念救主、頌讚父神

- 民數記 5:11-28
- 以賽亞書 53:4-6
- 哥林多前書 11:23-29

- 1) 蒙恩罪人最真實的體會
- 2) 蒙恩罪人最深的敬拜
- 3) 蒙恩罪人最不可少的聚會

【討論問題】

- 1) 在本課程中所提到真實敬拜的三項基本要求，你在哪幾個上有親身的經歷可以分享？
- 2) 請分享你在 SVCA 的主日敬拜中，如何藉著詩歌、擘餅、信息、禱告...等等，經歷在聖靈裡的更新。
- 3) 為什麼 SVCA 每個主日都有擘餅聚會？請分享你如何帶著敬拜神的態度參與擘餅聚會。個人有何在參加擘餅聚會上可以長進之處？

Church Worship

Scriptures: 11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!” 13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!” 14 Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever. (Revelations 5:11-14)

A) God is worthy of our worship, and deserves our worship

- He is the only true God, the Lord of all
- ❖ *God is strongly calling us back to the original purpose when He created us - to forever worship Him and enjoy Him! - A. W. Tozer*
- You shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God (Exodus 34:14)
- You “**shall**” worship the LORD your God, and Him “**only**” you shall serve (Luke 4:8)

B) Basic requirements of true worship

1) God-centered worship

- ❖ Worship became meaningful only after the ark came to rest
- ❖ *Worship is the response of a saint’s whole being (mind, emotion, will and body) toward God’s being, words and deeds. - Warren W. Wiersbe*
- ³¹ Now these are the men whom David appointed over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after the ark came to rest. **32** They were ministering with music before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of meeting... and they served in their office according to their order (1 Chronicles 6:31-32)

2) Worship in spirit and truth

- ❖ True worship is an encounter and dialog between created man and God. The dialog may be of different formats, but it has to come from the most sincere worship of the heart.
- ❖ *When you pray, it is better to have the heart without words, than to have words without the heart. - John Bunyan*
- ...these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men (Isaiah 29:13)
- ...God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4:23-24)

3) Free worship in the Holy Spirit

- ❖ Worship that is truly free must be in the Holy Spirit. For the Holy Spirit to move freely, we must first learn to deny ourselves and to obey in meetings.
- For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit... and have no confidence in the flesh (Philippians 3:3)
- The Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (2 Corinthians 3:17)
- ... so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter (Romans 7:6b)
- It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing (John 6:63a)

C) Church Worship

- 1) From personal worship to corporate worship
 - Personal experiences are very important, but the greater work and blessings of the Holy Spirit are for the church and in the church. Personal worship is not to replace corporate worship, but to enhance corporate worship.
 - In Revelations, all worship before the throne is corporate worship. **Today's church worship is a foreshadow of the future heavenly worship.**
- 2) All meetings should be "**Christ-centered worship**". All true worship will be followed with surrendering and consecration.
- 3) The format of worship is not limited to music only. Sunday meetings at SVCA include: singing, communion to remember the Lord, sermons, testimonies, prayer response, announcement and offering. Every part of the meeting is worship. This meeting is the best expression of our knowledge of God, our life stature, the quality of our service and testimony of the church. Broadly speaking, **all services are worship.**
- 4) Church worship has to be founded on the Truth and unity, overcoming all barriers in culture, language, age, background, etc., so that all may worship God in one heart. For example, w.r.t. singing, SVCA focuses more on us being the right person with right attitude, than on the length, genre and music composition of the songs.

D) The most significant worship for saints of the New Covenant - Communion to remember the Lord and to praise the Father God

- Numbers 5:11-28
 - Isaiah 53:4-6
 - 1 Corinthians 11:23-29
- 1) The most genuine heartfelt experience for sinners saved by grace
 - 2) The deepest worship for sinners saved by grace
 - 3) The most indispensable meeting for sinners saved by grace

【 Discussion Questions 】

- 1) Among the three basic requirements of true worship, please share which one(s) you have experienced personally.
- 2) Please share how you have experienced renewal in the Holy Spirit through songs, communion, sermons, prayers, etc. during Sunday worship at SVCA.
- 3) Why does SVCA have communion meeting every Sunday? Please share how you participate in the communion meeting with a God-worshiping attitude. Is there any room for personal growth w.r.t. participating in the communion meetings?