

## Worship

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

John 4:22, "Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

The worship service - do you ever stop and think about it? I mean, why do we do what we do, and what are we trying to accomplish? We might wonder if there is scripture to guide us and to use for a reference for what goes on in the service. It may be that the order of the service and what is done is just the way that it has always been done. If tradition has such a firm hold on things that nothing can ever change, we might be going through the motions.

The service might be comfortable to us, and we might think

it wonderful, but what does the Lord think of it? I have visited some where jokes and stories were the main ingredient. While I didn't care for it, a lot of the people told the speaker that it was a wonderful sermon. In a way, some of it was entertaining, but not food for the soul. I went to hear the word of God and to be strengthened spiritually, not to be entertained. What do you consider a good service? Do you contribute to the service in any way, or just there as an observer?

Recently, my wife and I were away from home for a few days. While we traveled, on the Lord's day we visited a large church in another city. I hate to say it, but I, we, came away disappointed with our visit. Four to six greeters were at each door, but only one gave a quick "Hi" as we entered. Others were at the next set of doors, there were several, but none welcomed us, or said anything at all. There were hundreds there, but again no one did more than to look at us. There were no smiles, and some of the looks made me think that I might have been in someone's seat.

The music was projected on the wall and none of the songs

was any that we had ever heard before. There seemed to be only a verse, or two, that were repeated over and over. Everything seemed so formal and impersonal. The preacher made a few good points in the message, but it was more like a Wednesday night teaching class to me. He, the preacher, said something like, "Good to see you," as we went out the door.

I attend a small country church and we don't have a lot of the fancy things, but I wouldn't trade the fellowship and love for any other place that I've seen. If you come to visit us, you will be welcomed and we will try to make you feel glad that you came. The Bible will be preached, and the old hymns will be sung from a hymnal. Yes, there are a lot of things that we don't have, but praise the Lord for the things that we do have.

Let's not worry about putting on a show, and everything being perfect, just praise the Lord. When people visit your church let them know that they are welcome, if they are. Not only the preacher, but each of us, can let people know that we are interested in them and are glad that they came to worship with us.

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THUS SAITH THE LORD, ABOUT MIDNIGHT WILL I GO OUT INTO THE MIST OF EGYPT!

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