

## Lesson 7 Conclusions About Worship (Part 1)



### Scripture Text

- 2 Corinthians 13:14 “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”



### Key Terms

- God-centered
- Day-to-day life
- The World
- Worship unites



### Lecture Objectives

- To begin identifying and summarizing themes regarding worship and their application to our lives
- To explore together some implication of biblical principles for worship for today's church



### To Think About Before You Go On

- Briefly review the “seven principles which govern worship” that we’ve explored so far. In what ways has your personal approach to worship been challenged? In what ways do these principles challenge your church’s approach?
- What are some areas of strong agreement you have? Strong disagreement? Why? Support your perspective with scripture texts or themes.

**Recap:** Professor Barrs has explored the first six principles of worship as Scripture outlines them. Those principles cover a vast array of things, from the God-centered, Christ-focused, Spirit-led aspects to the various topics which we address in worship. Professor Barrs takes a break from this to provide some summary comments.

*Memory work: 2 Corinthians 13:14*

### III. Biblical Philosophy of Worship

#### B. Principles which govern worship.

Professor Barrs takes a detour from principles to begin summary comments. He continues the principles in lesson 8.

Conclusions regarding worship.

1. The Psalms are God-centered.  
They cover the whole realm of human experience.  
Faith triumphs in all situations.  
They create unity in all of life.
2. Worship is tied to the day-to-day life of the congregation.  
This helps worship to become a natural response to all of life.  
This builds prayer life.  
This builds spiritual armor.
3. Worship brings our society and world before the Lord.  
Worship brings Christians face-to-face with the world.  
Worship changes the Christian's attitude to the world.
4. We must select worship elements which are appropriate to the congregation and the world around.
5. We must recognize the need for informal worship times.  
These give people the opportunity to pour out their hearts.  
They also unite the body of Christ.
6. Worship arises from the community of God's people.  
God calls His people to come together to praise Him.  
I Cor. 1:2

Despite our diversity, we are one body.

- I Cor. 12:12-13, 25-26

Worship must express our unity.

- Eph. 4:1-6

The Lord's Supper must demonstrate our reconciliation to God and to each other in Christ.



#### Interactive Question

In what respects are these conclusions not surprising? In what respects are they surprising?

We fence the table from unbelief and from sin between believers.

I Cor. 12:12-13

- Eph. 2:14-21
- James 2:1-5
- Matt. 5:23-24
- Mark 11:25

We cannot worship without reconciliation.



- Go back and rethink the 'To think about before you go on' questions on the first page of this lecture