

Bible Q and A

Question # 2; Can I worship God any way I please?

Answer: Jesus once said, “*in vain do they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men*” (Matt. 15:9). When people worship God by means other than He has prescribed then it is indeed vain (worthless or useless). Can man worship any way he sees fit to do so? The answer is obvious... NO! The Old Testament records examples of people who tried their hand at worshipping God in erroneous ways. The prophet Isaiah writes of such worship, “*my soul hates; they are a trouble unto me; I am weary of bearing them... yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear*” (cf. Isa. 1:11-17). Amos records, “*I hate, I despise your feasts, and I will take no delight in your solemn assemblies*” (Amos 5:21). Worship that is not according to the God’s word is “*will worship*” (Colossians 2:23) and “*ignorant*” (Acts 17:23).

How shall we worship the Lord? The Bible reveals five acts of worship. First, God’s people are instructed to sing (Eph. 5:19). Secondly, we are told to pray (I Tim. 2:8, 14). Thirdly, the Lord’s people are to participate in gospel preaching in worship (cf. Acts 20:7ff). Fourthly, God’s people are commanded to partake of the Lord’s Supper every first day of the week (cf. Acts 20:7ff; I Cor. 11:20ff). Lastly, we are to give of our means on the first day of the week as God has prospered us in this life (I Cor. 16:1ff).

Dear reader, if your church is performing an act of worship that is not revealed in the word of God then your worship is will worship, vain, and done in ignorance.

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