

Removing Road Blocks to Worship

Hebrews 13:15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

Worship is not based on:

- Preference
- Personality
- Talent (although a spirit of excellence in music is an asset)
- Mood or feelings
- Circumstances
- Style or culture (although it can be influenced greatly by)
- Entertainment value



Worship is based on:

- Decision
- Relationship
- Obedience to the written word, and the leading of the spirit
- Sacrifice

1. Flesh:

Mark 14:37-38 Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? 38 "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Psalms 103:1-5 Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!
2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:

Mark 12:30 'And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

II. Spirit of religion

Luke 19:37-40 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,

38 saying:

" `Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd,
"Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

40 But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

Road Block of revival:



"My church didn't do things that way"



"Tradition!"

Sin of denominationalism: In many cases they stop while the cloud of glory moves on. He led Israel in a cloud by day and a fire by night. It required change and flexibility. Some people missed heaven because they could not change methods: Old Testament to New Testament - Same God, different ways.

Matthew 15:1-9

¹ Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, ² "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread."

³ He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?"

⁴ For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'⁵ But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God"—⁶ then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. ⁷ Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:

⁸ 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.

⁹ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' "

Prayer Circles: Is a method



Mark 9:38-41

³⁸ Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us."

³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me. ⁴⁰ For he who is not against us is on our side."