

How to Worship Acceptably? - (Multiple Choice Test)

A. **Worship Team Model.** (Praise teams / choirs). A select team is musically skilled with a leader deciding what is sung. In dim settings, eyes are on a spotlighted stage as worshipful feelings *sound* out. The audience doesn't sing as much as the performers do, but in an excited mood do clap for them. Here God needs electricity to be worshipped. Often uncovered women lead and minister in song, and sometimes a male player is covered. It's patterned after Israel's old legal law thru David in having select singers and musicians perform (also called prophesying, 1Chron. 25:3). 1Chron. 25:1-7, 2Chron 29:25-31.

B. **Entertainment Model.** With musicals, skits, plays and dramatization, the peoples' hearts are relaxed and stirred as they *see* reenactments of Bible stories and themes.

C. **Liturgical Model.** Here tradition and formality play a big role. Each week the service follows the same order. A mood of holy reverence is *felt* as robed clergy carries out ordained ceremonies. One *senses* they are on holy ground in this ornate sanctuary.

D. **Celibate Model.** Due to religious vows pledged, the clergy (male and female) are forbidden to marry. They have a simple and austere way of living usually in somber vestments and isolated quarters. This is coupled with charitable works as they *draw out* peoples' hearts and pocketbooks with their promises, chanting, homilies and prayers.

E. **Pagan Model.** Here worship is in ignorance – even to an unknown god. They sense there is a higher power. Since they can't see him, they *create* a visual replica of their god from imagination. The idol might be an animal or “saint” or even Jesus. But it's lifeless. They sincerely bring offerings of prayers, food, candles or money to it for good fortune.

F. **Home Model.** Life is busy. Both spouses might work outside the home for the cost of living is high. Driving to church in a luxury car for a formal hour with hypocrites (people who don't always do what they profess) is stressful. So, they stay home doing differently than what they profess. But they *listen* to inspiring music or messages in the comfort of their home or car in prayer. Worshipping without sacrificial feet, they feed themselves.

G. **Spirit and Truth Way.** Spirit (not senses) and truth (not error) is the *new* way for true worshippers. When man's traditions come in, Jesus said, “*in vain they do worship me,*” as the heart is far away.¹ Outward austere rules can appear worshipful but are powerless to overcome the flesh (sinful heart).² Christians *now* have the Spirit inside, and when filled with Him are *all* able to sing, making melody in their *hearts* unto the Lord.³ We are to make the sacrifice to come together into one place, and there is *liberty* to pray, sing and speak as the living Lord directs.⁴ The one continuous church reenactment in the NT is the Lord's Supper where His death is showed.⁵ Worship is proclaiming the worth of the exalted Lord Jesus Christ, the Creator and Savior.⁶ Worshippers often bow down.⁷ Idolatry is sin and false worship, and is to be repented of – Faith (not seeing) is the way.⁸

The **New Testament** of the Lord Jesus teaches “G”.¹ John 4:23-24, Matt. 15:3-9. ²Col. 2:23. ³Eph. 5:18-20. ⁴1Cor. 14. ⁵1Cor. 11:23-40. ⁶Rev. 5:9-14, 14:7. ⁷Rev. 4:10, 5:14. ⁸1John. 5:21, Rev. 9:20, Heb. 11:1, 21.