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The Elder and the Worship Service (Ch 3)

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Overview



- What is worship?
- Corporate worship
- Elements of the church service
- Preaching



Exercise



Outline your last order of service

Share with your neighbour

- How are they similar?
- What are the differences?



What is worship?



“The feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity.” (Online Dictionary)

“To honour with extravagant love and extreme submission.” (Webster's Dictionary)



What is worship?



Our response to an encounter with God
Primarily a lifestyle, secondarily an activity
An attitude rather than a form

“True worship consists of the congregation as the actor, the preacher as prompter, and God as the audience.” - Elder’s Handbook p.55



What is worship?



Adoration

Proclamation

Renewal

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Corporate Worship



- Fellowship – formal vs informal, quietness vs sound
- Participation – members vs non-members
- Planning – preaching plan, order of service, worship leader



The Church Service



Our God is a tender, merciful Father. His service should not be looked upon as a heart-saddening, distressing exercise. It should be a pleasure to worship the Lord and to take part in His work.

- Steps to Christ, p103.



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The Church Service



- Music – ???
- Announcements
- Call to worship
- Prayer – posture, ACTS, written vs impromptu
- Offering
- Ministry to children
- Scripture reading
- Public testimony – control length

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Preaching



- Preach biblically
- Preach from personal experience
- Preach with relevance
- Preach positively



Preaching



- Sermon preparation
- Organise logically
- Speak clearly
- Plan in advance

