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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "SING WITH THE UNDERSTANDING"

PM - ROB GURGANUS

SINGING SCHOOL TODAY. WE WILL HAVE A LUNCH FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP AND THEN CLASSES DURING THE AFTERNOON. PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND

BIRTHDAYS:

Sep 10: Romaine Elliott

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

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SING WITH THE UNDERSTANDING

(1 Corinthians 14:15)

- I. The _____ to sing.
- A. Singing was a part of _____ life as well as that of the early disciples.
 - B. Paul wrote that Christians are to _____ (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16-17).
 - C. That leads us to ask the question, of the two types of music that exist - vocal or instrumental - which one is _____?
 - D. The only type of music for which we find authorization is _____ music.
 - E. How do we _____ this?
 1. The Bible is God's standard of _____ (2 Timothy 3:16-17; John 8:32; John 17:17).
 2. It is God's _____ will for man (Ephesians 3:4).
 3. The Bible is _____ (2 Peter 1:3-4; Jude 3).
 4. We live under the New Testament (Matthew 26:28; Hebrews 13:20) because the Old Testament has been _____ (Colossians 2:14; Ephesians 2:14-16).
 5. God speaks to us today through _____ (Hebrews 1:1-2) and He has all authority (Matthew 28:18) so we must submit to His will (Hebrews 5:8-9).
 6. Jesus in His word has authorized _____ in worship.
 7. We must not go _____ what is written (Revelation 22:18-19).
 8. The reason for all this is that we will be _____ by this word (John 12:48).

- II. The _____ of our hearts.
- A. When we come before God in song, it is not to sound _____.
 - B. What is important is that we are _____ our worship to God.
 1. _____ 5:19.
 2. _____ 2:12.
 - C. Also, when we come together, we are singing to _____ (Colossians 3:16).
 - D. Because of the fact we are singing to one another, we need to make sure our _____ are right before we do so.

- III. The _____ of our songs.
- A. When we sing songs of praise to God we are also _____ and possibly _____ those around us.
 - B. Because of that fact, we need to make sure that the songs we sing are _____.
 - C. Just because a song is in our song book doesn't mean we should _____ it.

WHAT ARE YOU PUTTING IN?

Dalton Key

One man hurried from the worship services complaining to the preacher that he had gotten nothing out of the worship. The preacher remarked that the man would have gotten more OUT if he had put more IN.

The preacher was right. We get out of worship about what we put in. If we attend church services for no reason other than habit or a sense of grudging duty; if we refuse to participate in singing and praying from the heart; if we choose a short nap over spiritual instruction - yes, if we merely “show up” to “warm a pew” - we should expect to leave the building with nothing by way of Christian enrichment. After all, we put nothing in! As brother A.C. Williams used to say, “It is possible to attend the service and entirely miss the worship!”

But one thing more. What is the primary purpose behind worship? Isn't it the praise and adoration of Almighty God? Isn't “worship” inherently “worthship,” in which we, as creatures, declare the worth and glory of the Creator? If this is true, our emphasis should not be directed at self, but at God. We assemble to worship, not ourselves, not the preacher, not the song leader, but the God of heaven. Jesus taught, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve”. (Matthew 4:10.) And again, “God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:24.)

The question is not, “what am I getting out of worship?”, but “what am I putting into worship?” But it is true, nonetheless - we get out about what we put in.

As we study about singing today, let us remember that it is not about us, but about what we are giving to God. If we sing as God would have us to, we will praise Him and we will be uplifted, taught and possibly admonished - Ben