

# WORSHIP DONE "DECENTLY AND IN ORDER"

## I Corinthians 14:26-40

### I. INTRODUCTION:

#### A. Culturally embracing carnal worship:

1. Carnal worship (getting): (I Cor. 3:1-4) (See back)
2. Spiritual worship (giving) – "not I but Christ": (See back) (26 one another's)

#### B. Documenting my "getting" with emotional experiences:

*"Emotional experiences must always come under the judgment of the Word of God. There can be no authentic experience of the Holy Spirit which is not wedded to the Words of Scripture."*

#### C. Contrasting "tongues" – edifying self, with "prophecy" – edifying others: v. 26 (Worship conducted my way) (See back)

### II. CHRIST'S GUARDRAILS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP:

#### A. Mandates for the gift of tongues in a worship service: vv. 27-32

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

- Prophecy, an illustration: vv. 29-32

#### B. The purpose of the gift of tongues: vv. 26, 33-40

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- a.
- b.

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### III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

#### A.

#### B.

#### C.

### SINNERS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breath my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.

## DEFINING TERMS

Worship – (proskuneo) – “to kiss toward” conveying the a subjective feeling of reverent humility, and respect as well as an objective activity of bowing, prioritizing, and serving in prompt obedience. It is defined simply in Isaiah 46:6b as “they fall down, yea, they worship”. It rarely in Scripture has anything to do with music evidenced by a journey through any Bible concordance. Our religious community has been enticed to redefine this Biblical term to make it less convicting and more relationally palatable to our carnal culture.

“From ‘shachah’ in the Hebrew Old Testament to ‘proskuneo’ in the Greek New Testament, worship is ALWAYS bowing physically or internally in submission to Jesus Christ. A heart that is not bowing in submission, is not worshipping.” *Ron Owen (See Gen. 18:2; Mt. 2:11; 4:9; 28:9)*

The basic elements of worship as specifically stated in Mt. 2 with the group of wise men, focus on three vital components:

1. **Bowing** to display complete submission to authority:
2. **Giving generously at the expense of getting**: gold – kingship, frankincense – fragrance of all known sin confessed, myrrh – the humbling and expensive death penalty paid for my sin debt:
3. Prompt **obedience** - wise men and then Joseph: (*Jn. 10:27*)

“Spiritual gifts are special abilities that allow me to function in the local body of Christ with ease and success. They are given to me at the moment of salvation by the Holy Spirit and each born again believer has at least one. Since it is an unconditional gift, it cannot be lost.” - *Dr. Charles Swindoll*

This spiritual “support” gift of prophecy defined: (*1 Cor. 12:10, 28*) “The word means one who speaks forth. It was essential before the completion of the Word of God. A prophet would speak without error, a word from the Lord consistent with the written Word that had already been given, to inform, build up, reprove, and comfort.” (*See 1 Cor. 14:3*) Because it could be so readily abused, the qualifying criteria for the Jewish nation of the Old Testament (*Deut. 18:20-22; 1 Jn. 4:1*) became the basis for the criteria for the early local church era of the New Testament.”

This spiritual “sign” gift of tongues defined: “The Spirit-given ability to speak in utterances not otherwise known, as an exclusive sign to the unbelieving.” (*See 1 Cor. 12:28, 14:22; Isa. 28:11-12; Mk. 8:12; Jn. 4:48*)