

SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

*WORSHIP - DISCOVERING WHAT
SCRIPTURE SAYS*

SRMBC Family Bible Study
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Every Wednesday
8000 Derry Street (Rear)
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<u>Subject</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Date</u>
Worship the Lamb	Revelation 4 – 5	1/9/2019
For Keeps	Exodus 24:1 – 11	1/16/2019
Mercy, Not Sacrifice	Psalms 50	1/23/2019
Broken for Me	Mark 14:1 – 11	1/30/2019
Planning for Praise	Isaiah 61:1 – 11	2/6/2019
All to Jesus	Luke 20:20 – 26; 45 – 47: 21:1 – 4	2/13/2019
Living Worship	Romans 12:1 – 8	2/20/2019
Our Longing Fulfilled	Revelation 21:1 – 8	2/27/2019

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Worship – Discovering What Scripture Says

Lesson 3: Mercy Not Sacrifice

Psalm 50

Foundational Truths About Worship

- ▶ Worship is rooted in the character and permanence of God.
- ▶ Worship is always a response to God's initiative and, at the same time, is meant to be an interaction.
- ▶ The Heart of Worship is about letting our whole lives point to the supremacy and worth of God.

The Book of Psalms

Author: Moses was the author of the Book of Exodus (Exodus 17:14; 24:4-7; 34:27).

Date of Writing: The Book of Exodus was written between 1440 and 1400 B.C.

Purpose of Writing: The book is the 2nd of Pentateuch (The 5 Books of Moses). "Exodus" means departure. Exodus Israel from slavery in Egypt to the establishment of the theocratic nation in preparation for the Promised Land.

Practical Application:

- The numerous sacrifices required of the Israelites were a picture of the ultimate sacrifice, the Passover Lamb of God, Jesus Christ.
- The Mosaic Law was given in part to show mankind that they were incapable of keeping it – showing our need for a Savior.
- God does not allow sin to go unpunished forever. As a result, we can trust Him in His retribution and justice.
- We can trust the God will supply all our needs – just as he did with His chosen people Israel.



The Prophet Moses

Group Discussion: What is your favorite part of corporate worship? what helps you remember why you are there?

Glory - "Oh My Lord"

As they prepare themselves for the following day's battle, the soldiers of the 54th Regiment MA Vol Inf. (One of the first all-black regiments in the Union Army) gather around the campfire and sing praises to God.



Soldiers Of The 54th Regiment

- Why do think the soldiers thought it was important to gather together for worship before the Battle?
- What is your favorite part of their corporate worship? What similarities or differences do you see in comparison to our worship?
- What is your favorite part of corporate worship? what helps you remember why you are there?

Exodus 24:1 – 5 (NKJV)

1 Now He said to Moses, “**Come up to the Lord**, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar.

2 And **Moses alone shall come near the Lord**, but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him.”

3 So Moses came and told the people **all the words of the Lord** and all the judgments. And all the people answered with **one voice** and said, “**All the words which the Lord has said we will do.**”

4 And Moses wrote **all the words of the Lord**. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered **burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings** of oxen to the Lord.

Exodus 24:6 - 9 (NKJV)

6 And Moses took half **the blood** and put it in basins, and half **the blood** he sprinkled **on the altar**.

7 Then he took **the Book of the Covenant** and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient.”

8 And Moses took **the blood**, sprinkled it **on the people**, and said, “This is **the blood of the covenant** which the Lord has made with you according to all these words.”

9 Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel,

Exodus 24:10 - 11 (NKJV)

10 and they **saw the God of Israel**. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like **the very heavens in its clarity**.

11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they **saw God**, and **they ate and drank**.

This Passage Could Be Divided Into Three Parts:

I. Before The Covenant Is Ratified Vv. 1 – 2



II. Ratifying The Covenant Vv. 3 – 8



II. Celebrating The Covenant Vv. 9 - 11

1. Throughout this passage, what actions (explicit or implicit) do you see the Lord taking?

- **The Lord Calls/Invites His People Closer To Him**
- **The Lord Identifies His Leader And His People (Organizes – Sets Things In Order)**
- **The Lord Gave His Way And Laws – For Our Benefit**
- **The Lord Graciously Came Near To His People**
- **The Lord Protected And Provided For His People**
- **The Lord Accepted Their Praise/Worship And Their Promise**

2. What actions do the people (including Moses and the other leaders) take?

- **Moses answers/obeys the Lord**
- **They read, hear and make a declaration of faith and obedience to the Lord**
- **The leadership follow Moses and God to the mountain of God**
- **The people willingly come close to the Lord**
- **They willingly made sacrifices and worship to the Lord**
- **They came together on one accord expressing obedience to the Lord**
- **They ate and drank together – in the Presence of the Lord**

3. What do you notice about the people's and Moses' response to God's words?

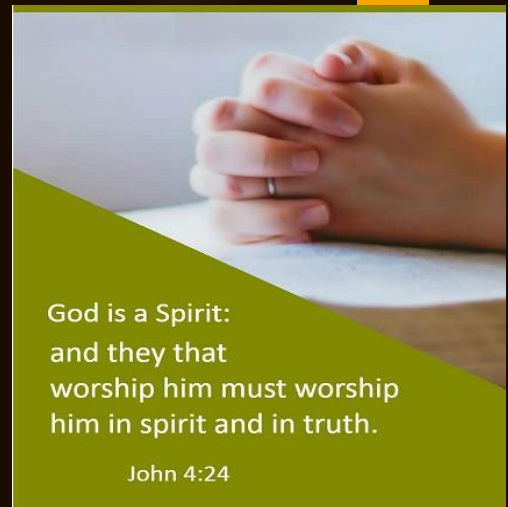
- There was no questioning or debate –Moses Heard God Word and Wrote Down Spoke Exactly What the Lord Said - Not His Own Opinion
- The People Together Confessed and Professed Obedience to The Word
- The Word Moved Moses And the People in God's Direction – with reverence and fear (especially in the presence of a burning fiery mountain).
- The people with one another with Joy in the presence of the Lord

Practical Point

- In Worship We understand the that the Word Comes from God (Ex 19:10 – 20; Cf. Heb. 12:18 - 25)

4. What role does the Book of the Covenant play in this meeting?

- Book of The Covenant – The Word of God: An Authoritative Word from The Living God Of Heaven
- The Word of God Is Central to The Worship of God from The People
- The Word Tells Us What Is Behavior in Worship Is Acceptable and Unacceptable To God.
- The Word Is What God's People Need to Hear and Abide In And Obey In Our Covenant Relationship With Him.



Jesus Said: *24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:23 – 24 (NKJV) - (As Jesus/God is fully revealed in His Word)*

5. Where and when is the blood sprinkled in this gathering, and what do you think these actions signify?

- Blood is sprinkled on the altar, symbolizing God's forgiveness and acceptance of the sacrifice.
- Blood is sprinkled on the people, signifying they have been bound to God with their oath of obedience.

Practical Points

- Jesus uses a similar phrase in Mark 14:24, except that he says, "This is my blood of the covenant"
- Exodus 24:8 foreshadows the blood of the covenant that binds all to the Lord who put their faith in Jesus as their Savior



6. Why do you think the leaders of Israel eat and drink in the presence of God after the covenant is formed (v. 11)?

- In OT, two parties who made a covenant often celebrated their alliance with a "covenantal meal" (see Gen 26:30; 31:54).
- Sharing a meal together is an expression of fellowship – one with another and with The Lord.
- This meal possibly foreshadows the Lord's Supper that we celebrate in worship to remember Jesus' sacrifice that sealed God's covenant with us.



7. What has God communicated to his people through this entire event?

- God is saying he is serious about this relationship.
- He rescued His people (us) from slavery for a purpose
 - ❖ to be in a covenant relationship with them.
 - ❖ To be a witness and light to all the nations.
 - ❖ a relationship “for keeps.” for all eternity.

Practical Points:

- This OT ceremony is a model for what we do every time we gather together for worship.
- While the Exodus was the greatest OT act of God’s salvation, In the NT we celebrate the greatest act of God’s salvation ever in the gift of Jesus.

8. How would worshipping with others be different if you entered each time believing that God had called you together to make a renewal of Him vows to you and yours to Him?

Element of Service	Effect/Reflections
Praise and Worship	Thinking about How good God has been to me/us in church.
Call to Worship	Reflect on the fact that we the people of God – are talking and re-dedicating our worship to Him.
Welcome	We welcome the Spirit of God in our midst greet one another as God's Family – and invite visitors to join us.
Announcements/Pastoral Remarks	We hear what God is doing in us, for us and around us. To join with the Pastor in praise to Our God
Offering	Celebrate the Honor and Privilege of giving back to One who needs nothing and have given everything to me/us.
Hymn of Praise	Join with our Choir and Congregation and the Angels in Heaven in singing to the God.
Scripture Reading	God reminding us again of His Love, His Majesty and the Precious Promise of Jesus Christ.
Altar Prayer	We get to come together to offer ourselves again to God and present our requests to Him
Sermonic Selection	Giving our full attention participation in the music to allow God to bless us with His Presence and preparation of hearing His Word.
Sermon	Really approach the Sermon as the God who is Almighty has a personalized message for me.
Invitation to Discipleship	To pray and participate in God bringing a lost soul to the salvation we also enjoy in Christ.
Benediction	To receive God's blessing for the day and week and share the excitement of worship time with others.

Keys For Living

- *Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, we are in a never-ending covenant relationship. Reflecting on our relationship with God is the fuel for our worship.*
- *Our faith in the Word and the filling of the Spirit of God sets us apart as kings and priests – created and set apart to offer praise and thanksgiving to Him.*
- *As we commit to attend and participate in corporate worship we glorify God and edify one another.*



QUESTIONS

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*COME LET US WORSHIP
AND BOW DOWN.*

*LET US KNEEL BEFORE
THE LORD,
OUR GOD, OUR MAKER*