

Hebrews 12²⁸⁻²⁹

Worship as God wants it to be

Lord's day evening: 1 July 2007

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Introduction

The normative principle

The regulative principle

1. Worship that reflects the character of God

God is One

God is infinite

God is Spirit and truth

God is holy

God is a God of order

God is a God of diversity

2. Worship that encompasses God's delights

God delights in the gathering of His people

God delights in the praise of His people

God delights in the confession of His people

God delights in the intercession of His people

God delights in feeding His people

God delights in the fellowship of His people

3. Putting this into practice

Our morning worship

Our evening worship

Conclusion

Discussion



Questions answered

- What are the two approaches to worship adopted in various churches?
How do they differ?
Which one do we embrace here in the WPC?
- What was the attitude and approach of the Christians at Berea (Acts 17¹¹)?
How are we seeking to cultivate this in our midst?
- What good thing was manifest in the church at Corinth (1 Cor 14²⁶)?
How are we seeking to cultivate this in our midst?
- What were the love feasts (agape feasts) mentioned in Jude¹²?
How are we seeking to cultivate this in our midst?
- What responsibility does the leadership of the church have to be equipping and preparing the whole congregation for service? (Eph 4¹¹⁻¹²)
How are we seeking to cultivate this in our midst?
- What approach did Paul take with Timothy? (eg, Phil 2²²)
How are we seeking to cultivate this in our midst?
- What is the primary purpose of the gathering of the Lord's people on the Lord's day?
To what extent should this gathering be evangelistic?
Do we have a warrant for going back to basics on a regular basis?
How are we seeking to cultivate this in our midst?
- How important in the Scriptures is the principle of building one another up in the faith (edifying one another)?
How are we seeking to cultivate this in our midst?
- What is the relationship between the church on the Lord's day and heaven?



Things to pray about

- Delighting in God as He has revealed Himself to be.
- Worshipping God in a way which brings glory and honour to His holy name.
- Embracing the diversity which God delights in, even if it may not always be to my particular taste.