

## TRUE WORSHIP

True worship is not primarily a cultural thing. It is not simply offering to God our sentiments and feelings expressed according to our culture. It is based on a knowledge of the Majesty and Holiness of God and what He requires in worship. It is not primarily cultural; it is spiritual. Those who know the true God will come into His presence with holy awe and reverence, whatever their cultural background. Our worship should not be an expression of our culture, but of the Holiness and Majesty of God and of our gratitude for His grace towards us in Christ. A true knowledge of Christ will lead to worship, which is God-glorifying, whatever the cultural background. There will be more putting our hands over our mouths (Job 40:4) and covering our faces (Isaiah 6:2) than there will be hands in the air and dancing in the aisles! When people know the true God, their worship is reverent and God-glorifying, whatever their cultural background. *Bill Clark (1933-98)*

## ISOLATED ACTS OR TENOR OF LIFE?

A person's faithfulness is not to be judged by isolated acts, but by the tenor of his life. Faithful men are still only men at best, and often fail. But they do the best they can and keep going when they know they have erred, learning from their failures. Experience is a tough teacher. It always gives the exam first and then teaches the lesson afterward. But there is no teacher like it. Joshua turned to the Lord in his failures, found both forgiveness and renewed strength, and continued serving the Lord God and his people. How gracious God is! He not only uses a crooked stick to draw a straight line, he forgives the crooks in the stick, and gets glory to himself in using it (1 Cor. 1:26-31). *Don Fortner*

## ALL THINGS WORK FOR GOOD

I heard a man say after experiencing a disappointment; *"It's all good, there is a purpose in it."* We believe that our God works all things together for good to His elect. We also believe that our God is a God of purpose. Yes, for the believer it truly is all good and there is a purpose, but what is the *"good"* and the *"purpose"* we are looking to find? I fear that for most, it is nothing more than a silver lining on a dark cloud. They speak peace to their own hearts with the power of positive thinking. They are looking to soften their disappointments with the hope of a better outcome. For the believer, we look in our trials for the hand and the face of the One who sent them. We know that He alone is the Good in all our troubles and that His purpose in all things is to glorify Himself in the hearts of His people.

*Greg Elmquist*

## GOD'S GRACE IS ALL SUFFICIENT

*"There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?" (John 6:9)*

We live in a day where the optimist says the glass is "half full" and the pessimist says the glass is "half empty." However, the child of God, by God's grace, knows that the glass always contains a sufficient amount. Why? Because God's grace in all things is sufficient. (2Cor12:9) *David Eddmenson*

## NOTICES

NEXT SUNDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> May, Christine and I plan to be in the meeting at Burton, but the message will be brought by Peter Jellett.

Then on 17<sup>th</sup> May we will be away but our brother Ian Potts has kindly agreed to come and preach the message.

Please pray for these brethren that the Lord will bless their preparations.

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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

**10:30 am (GMT+1h) Service**

*Exodus 6:1-8*

*"The Sure Promise of God"*

Traditional worship with hymns, prayer, Bible readings and a sermon based on a passage of the Bible

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## Jeremiah 9:23,24

920 to 682

J Kent

1 When to worship saints assemble,  
Let the song to Jesus flow.  
He forsook his ancient glory,  
Groaned and bled for worms below.

Ransomed mortals, x2

Join to swell the sacred song.

2 Ye who find yourselves polluted,  
Feel your hearts a sink of sin,  
Ye shall have, by God imputed,  
Righteousness that's white and clean:  
'Tis the garment x2  
Wove by everlasting love.

3 'Tis Jehovah's own providing;  
Better, wisdom can't devise;  
From his eye for ever hiding  
Sins of every name and size;  
He that wears it x2  
Is by God exalted high.

4 Adam, when the tempter foiled him,  
His bright robes were quickly gone;  
But this righteousness of Jesus  
Once applied, 'tis always on;  
'Tis their title x2  
To the mansion love ordained.

## Prayer

### Exodus 5:15-6:8

## Prayer

86 to 26

Gospel Mag, 1778

1 The covenant of free grace,  
As made with Christ our Head,  
Is stored with precious promises,  
By which our souls are fed.

2 The solemn oath of God  
Confirms each promise true;  
And Jesus, with his precious blood,  
Has sealed the covenant, too!

3 Hence all our comforts flow,  
And balm for every fear;  
May we by sweet experience know  
How choice, how rich they are.

## Sermon

448 to 528

J Hart

1 When Jesus undertook  
To rescue ruined man,  
The realms of bliss forsook,  
And to relieve us ran;  
He spared no pains, declined no load,  
Resolved to buy us with his blood.

2 No harsh commands he gave,  
No hard conditions brought;  
He came to seek and save,  
And pardon every fault.  
Poor trembling sinners hear his call;  
They come, and he forgives them all.

3 When thus we're reconciled,  
He sets no rigorous tasks;  
His yoke is soft and mild,  
For love is all he asks.  
E'en that from him we first receive,  
And well he knows we've none to give.

4 This pure and heavenly gift,  
Within our hearts to move,  
The dying Saviour left  
These tokens of his love;  
Which seem to say, "While this you do,  
Remember him that died for you."

All who by God-given faith *discern the Lord's broken body and shed blood* as that which has satisfied divine justice to secure their eternal inheritance are welcome to partake of the bread and wine in remembrance of Him. "Let a man examine himself" (1Cor11:28) to assess if that is your sincere testimony. If not, then please do not take the bread and wine.