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**Beginning Our 66th Year Dec. 3, 2023**

**GOALS FOR 2024**  
**Theme**  
**“Respecting Bible Authority!”**

- Giving:** Meet Our Yearly Budget
- Invitations:** 130
- Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading
- Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer
- Every Member Committed To Each Assembly
- Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
- Hold A Men’s Training Class
- Hold One Gospel Meeting
- Converting 10 People Per Month

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Luke Capps  
 will be preaching today.

**We are on week # 11 of our daily Bible reading.**

**Prayer List**  
 Rob Kelly’s brother (John) is at Lincoln Hills, Mary McAfee, Sharon Nale, Polly Ward, Macon Ward, Debby Spears (Roseanna’s sis) Sharon Thompson, Beth McFarland, Pam Caudill Brooke Thomas, Cathie Hall Debbie Lewellen, Peter Hunt

**This Month: Authority... Worship**  
 1 Cor. 11:17-29; 14:15, 26-40; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:17;

**Who Have You Invited To Services This week?**

**Lord’s Supper Reading**  
 John 19:16-30

**Scripture Reading**  
**AM:** John 4:19-24  
**PM:** Romans 1:16

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month 3  
 Invites last month: 20  
 Visitors YTD:

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Our Theme for 2024...  
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**True Worshipers**

John 4:19-24

**Introduction**

- A. In this conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman, He reveals that “true worship” is in Spirit & Truth.**
- B. Both are necessary!**

**I. What Is Worship?**

- A. It is coming to God’s presence (Ps. 95:1-5; 100:1-5).**

**II. Do We Have The “Truth” Without the “Spirit”?**

- A. This is vain worship (Is. 29:13-14).**
- B. We can’t trick God into thinking this is acceptable (Gal. 6:7; cf. Mt. 6:1-2, 5-6; Rom. 12:1-2).**

**II. Do We Have The “Spirit” Without the “Truth”?**

- A. This is equally as vain (John 4:22).**
- B. You cannot have the spirit without the truth and vice versa (Is. 1:11-15; cf. Mt. 15:9; Heb. 10:24-25).**

**II. Conclusion**

- A. True Worship is in Spirit AND Truth!**

**Welcome!**  
 If you’re visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we’re interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32. The truth He’s talking about is God’s word. Jesus said, “Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth.” John 17:17. Therefore we hope you’ll appreciate that we’ll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, 1 Pet. 4:11.

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# A Powerful Message

Romans 1:16

## Introduction

- A. Do we understand, trust, and utilize the power of God's Word?
- B. Do we struggle to see it?
- C. This is the way God said He saves people today!

## I. What Else Saves?

- A. A personal encounter with Jesus, a miraculous movement of the Holy Spirit, a heavenly vision, a great preacher, cleverness of marketing? (Acts 9; 10:3-6, 44-48; 1 Cor. 1:17; 2:1)
- B. What is it that God always used to save people? (Acts 22:12-16; 10:30-33; 11:1; 1 Cor. 2:2)
- C. ONLY the Gospel can and will save (Luke 16:29-31; cf. Rom. 1:16)!

## II. God's Word Is Sufficient

- A. But do we still struggle with doubt?
  - (Gen. 1:3; Ps. 33:6-9; 148:1-5)
  - (Ps. 105:31-34; 106:9; 107:25-29)
  - (John 11:43)
- B. When looking at all that God's Word has accomplished, how can we doubt it?

## III. If The Gospel Is So Powerful It Can...

- A. Stand the test of time.
- B. Surpass every boundary.
- C. Supply every need.

*Luke Capps*

# "Spiritual Food for Spiritual Thought" Worshiping Like The Psalms

The other day on Facebook, I saw an article by a professor of Old Testament studies in which he compared the content of the book of Psalms to the content of Top 25 Christian contemporary music. He observed that many of the most prominent themes of the Psalms, like God's help for the poor, justice, enemies, and questioning God, are barely present in contemporary music.

I agree with that.

However, lots of people found lots of reasons to disagree with the article. Prominently, many pointed out that exactly the same charges could be made against our repertoire of traditional hymns.

I agree with that too, and I think it points out a serious problem with our song worship. Our hymns don't engage with reality the way the Psalms do.

These days, I tend to understand the Psalms through the lens of Psalm 1. In it, the psalmist makes a bold claim about reality. He predicts that God will bless the righteous while punishing the wicked.

The rest of the Psalms put this claim to the test. Does our experience of life under the sun show God's favor toward the obedient and His condemnation of the sinner? Sometimes, the claim checks out. There are many psalms that praise God for His goodness toward His people.

Frequently, though, the Psalms address the times when God's goodness is not apparent. What about when the Israelites lose a battle despite their faithfulness? What about when the righteous are poor and oppressed by powerful enemies? What about when the sacred musicians who served in the temple are carried off into captivity alongside the disobedient? What about when the godly have failed God? There are nearly as many such questions as there are psalms.

Our hymn repertoire does a great job covering the content of Psalm 1. We often sing about how wonderful it is that God has solved our problems. However, it does a horrible job of covering the content of much of the rest of the book. We know that the life of the Christian is not always blue skies and rainbows and sunbeams from heaven, but you generally couldn't tell it from our song worship!

Consequently, our singing reinforces that pretense of perfection during our assemblies that so many brethren complain about. We know that we're going to have to paste on a smile and pretend like everything is fine when we are supposedly pouring out our hearts to God, so we might as well paste on the smile before and after services too.

Our American inability to address suffering and sorrow is part of the problem. We get super-uncomfortable when a brother tells us that actually his life is terrible. We don't know how to handle that. In the same way, many Christians get uncomfortable with singing about trial and suffering. Aren't we supposed to be putting aside the worries and cares of the world?

I think the result is tragic. Too often, hurting Christians come to worship and find that putting on a happy facade for their brethren and God is another source of stress. It feels dishonest, and it keeps them from finding comfort and authenticity in the one place where they should be able to be authentic and comforted.

We begin to solve the problem by singing psalms of every kind, not just the upbeat ones. Since we started singing through the Psalms at Jackson Heights, I've had multiple Christians thank me tearfully for giving them the chance to finally express their feelings in worship. Sometimes, they have been so deeply moved that they couldn't even get the words out.

Second, I think all of us need to get comfortable with singing hymns about unpleasant topics, whether we ourselves are suffering or not. We require rejoicing with those who rejoice, but what about weeping with those who weep? Maybe I don't want to sing about how hard life is, but it's nearly certain that somebody in the congregation does.

I recognize that this calls for a sea change in the way that we worship. We do little lamenting, and we do no questioning or imprecating. However, it's a change well worth making. Worship like this is true at last to our lived experience.

Also, I think it is more attractive to outsiders than worship that is inright-outright-upright-downright happy all the time. Strangers don't visit a congregation because everything is going great in their lives. Instead, they come because their lives are in tatters. When they see and hear us bringing the hard things before God, they will recognize that they are in the midst of people like them.

*M.W. Bassford (hisexcellentword.com, July 19, 2022)*