

I Sunday School

LBC 22.6 Of Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day

- I. **Introduction:** 22.6 teaches us about the freedom and privileged religious worship of God under the New Covenant, of which we are presently under.
 - II. **Historical Context of 22.6** –The paragraph might have been included because of corruption seen in RCC with Rome as the seat for the Christian church.
 - III. **Religious Worship in OT** – generally speaking, worship of Yahweh in the OT was done in particular places, in appointed times, and by specific people. (Law)
 - IV. **Transition of Worship** – such strict rules were in place until the “time of reformation”.
 - a. Hebrews 9:8-11 – shows such was worship until Christ came and brought reformation to the worship of God. Christ did not just come to arbitrarily change the system but actually showed what all OT worship terminated on.
 - V. **Worship under the Gospel** – is performed in Spirit and in truth
 - a. Key passage: John 4 – Jesus and woman at the well.
 - b. Proofs of “God is to be worshipped everywhere...”: Acts 1, 5, 20 where believers are meeting in Temple, synagogues, and from house to house for true worship.
 - VI. **Application 1: worship in Private Families**
 - a. Since our most common sins are committed against our family members it is therefore most important to worship together as a family.
 - b. Methods
 - i. Read Scripture and pray
 - ii. Use catechisms (New City Catechism, Heidelberg Catechism)
 - iii. SING!! Learn meters in a hymnal! Songs teach: Book of Psalms for Worship by Crown and Covenant.
 - VII. **Application 2: Worship in secret each one by himself**
 - c. Regular and sincere worship by oneself is absolutely vital for a vibrant and growing enjoyment of the Lord. Necessity of personal revival.
 - d. Psalm 119:25, 119:37, 119:88, 119:107, 119:149, 119:156
 - e. Personal revival comes through attention to Scripture, prayer, singing, fellowship, sacraments.
 - VIII. **Application 3: Worship in public assemblies**
 - f. Public worship is the timeless method God has ordained to nurture his people.
 - g. Thus, we must not “*carelessly or willfully forsake*” such a feast for our souls.
- h. Give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, and to teaching.

