The Sunday School Lesson

A Ministry of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association

A VISION OF WORSHIP
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Rev. 4 and 5. "Worth art thou, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for thou didst create all things, and by will they existed and were created." Rev. 4:11.

In our last lesson we noted that Rev. 1:19 suggests a threefold outline of the book: (1) The past- what you have seen, (2) the present- what is now, (3) the future- what will take place later. We now begin our study of the third division.

Seven seems to be a key number in Revelation. It seems to be a complete or perfect number. This division has seven visions: (1) The throne and the Lamb, 4:1-5:14 (2) The seven seals, 6:1-8:1; (3) The seven trumpets, 8:2: 11-19; (4) The seven visions, 12:1-14:20; (5) The seven bowls, 15:1-16: 21; (6) The seven last scenes, 17:1-20:15; and (7) The New Jerusalem, 21:1-22:21. So seven used as reference to the work of the Trinity is very captivating.

Our topic today is Real Worship. What is worship? Who are those that can experience real worship?

The first requirement is to recognize Christ as Savior by faith, accepting Him and proclaiming Him as Lord. We then become sons of God. When you do this the Holy Spirit takes his abode in you and your body becomes the dwelling place or temple of God. So as you study this lesson you recognize his greatness and become over whelmed or emotionally to the extent you proclaim him worthy to serve and praise.

John is carried to Heaven from earth. How is not explained, but he did as we accept for with God all things are possible. On the thone one sat with a book. Who could open the book? No man but the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the root of David consented to open it. He was worthy, he completed the covenant.

In verse 9 the proclamation is made in Heaven that my and your savior is worthy and due all our praise. Not only vocal praise but our lives should reveal him in action for he has purchased us. God is the author of all life. In him we have our being. Let all the earth worship.

Worship begins with songs, prayer, teaching, preaching. During the offering it should be a very important part of worship when we return to him part of what he has blessed us with. The most and essential thing is that our hearts are centered on God.

Look at the description of Christ, Lamb had seven horns meaning perfect power, seven eyes indicating perfect knowledge. So Christ is omnipotent and omniscient. He is all we need.

It is interesting to know our prayers are kept in Heaven. They seem to be incense. We should be happy to pray often and live prayerful. No time is lost in sincere praying but blessing and honoring God, which results in a pleasing and satisfaction to the participator.

Application of lesson for our needs. The importance of worship cannot be too strongly emphasized. It is appropriate that we begin each week with worship on Sunday. But we should also begin each day with worship. We need to be with God before we find ourselves with the world.

Do we really worship God when we attend the worship service on Sunday morning? That question may sound impertinent but it is really very important.

When we take our plac-ein in the pew we should bow our head and let God's presence become very real and precious. (A good organ prelude of a familiar hymn helps to create a worshipped atmosphere). Then we should join others in worship, as we sing and become fully involved in the service.

Stamp collectors are known as philatelists. The name comes from two Greek words, philos, meaning loving, and atelos, meaning free of tax or paid. Stamps are signs that the postage, or tax, has been paid.

In ancient Rome, unmarried girls were prohibited by law from wearing pearls. Instead, the pearls were worn by young men, who placed the pearls in tiny bells which, hanging from their ears, tinkled gaily.

NEWS IN PICTURES

Douglas Fir Puts Flesh on Bone Mountain

1. 1958: Bone Mountain in Western Oregon. The stump circled, and the companion log to its right, were among many on 62,000 acres of timberlands logged and burned, before they were acquired by Georgia-Pacific Corp.

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It's said that a hen cackles after laying an egg in order to call her mate's attention to the "fowl" deed. Other roosters start crowing, trying to take credit for something they had nothing to do with.

Wins Little Miss Sunburst Contest

Sunny Marie O'Connor

Sunny Marie O'Connor won the "Little Miss Sunburst" contest in the one year old division in Savannah, Georgia. She will represent Savannah in the state contest in Atlanta in June. The contestants were judged on beauty and personality. Sunny is the duaghter of Sgt. T.J. and Marty O'Connor of Savannah, Ga. and the grand-daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hardy H. Bell of Pembroke.

to be Interviewed by Science & Math School

Charles R. Eilber, Director of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, announces that 10 students from Robeson County are among the Semifinalist Nominees that will be interviewed for selection to attend the School next fall. A total of 824 sophomores representing 91 counties in North Carolina were nominated. After initial testing, the School's Admission Committee selected 545 Semifinalists who will be interviewed at the School.

Each student will tour the campus, talk with the faculty, and be interviewed by a faculty member, counselor, or other staff member. The Admissions Committee will meet again in late May to select approximately 240 students who will be enrolled next September.

The NCSSM is the nation's first public, residential, high school for eleventh and twelfth graders who are gifted and talented in science and mathematics.

The School will graduate its first class of 138 seniors this June. Current enrollment is 300 eleventh and twelfth graders. Next fall the student body will grow to 400 students. The School is located on the campus of the former Watts Hospital and School for Nursing complex in Durham.

This year's group of 824 nominees reflected a good cross section of the state's population. Representing 91 of North Carolina's 100 counties, they are 55 percent male, 45 percent female, 15 percent minority and 85 percent white.

The students to be interviewed from this county are: Jane Chavis, Hampton W. Oxendine, Dana D. Strickland, all of Pembroke Senior High School; Wanda Y. Anderson, Inho E.Choi, David W. Cole, Gregory L. Matthews, Daren E. Williams, all of Lumberton Senior High; Mary S. Batchelor and Darryl L. Peterkin, Red Springs HIgh School.

Named Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Josephine Locklear has been selected teacher of the year by the annual staff at South Robeson High School. Her selection was made known at a recent dedication of the annual "Mesteno," at South Robeson. Teresa Britt, a senior, edited the annual for 1982.

Mrs. Locklear is the daughter of Mr. Edward Joe Locklear and the late Mrs. Betty Ruth Brooks Locklear of Fairmont. She graduated from Fairgrove High School in 1961 and received a B.A. degree in history with a minor in religion from Pembroke State College in 1965.

Mrs. Locklear taught at Fairgrove High School fifteen years and at Union Elementary one-half year. During the summers of these years, she worked toward earning a Masters Degree. She received it in history with a minor in Education fromAppalachian State University in 1978.

While at Pembroke State College earning her first degree, Mrs. Lockelar was a member of Alpha Psi Omega, where she served as secretary and then as president. She was on the Dean's List, a member of the BSU, in Who's Who in her Junior Class, was a class queen and ran as a Miss PSU contestant.

In the annual Teacher of the year message, the staff wrote: "The seniors of 1982 give teacher of the year to a person whom we consider to be a great friend. Her knowledge and guidance have inspired us with confidence. As our teacher, she has gained the deep respect of us all. As our friend, she has won our sincere loyalty. The measure of her greatness is surpassed only by our love and admiration for her."

Mrs. Locklear is married to Mr. Hervie Stanson Locklear. They have four children. Mr. Locklear is a businessman in Fairmont.

Among her other duties, Mrs. Locklear is a sponsor for the Beta Club and senior class. She is a member of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church of Fairmont.

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