The Message Notes

Message: The Worship Assembly Messenger: Pastor Keith (PK)

Text: Exodus 25:8, Ephesians 2:21-22 (NLT)

Date: October 30, 2022

Objective: to understand the purpose and the preparation of corporate

worship in the assembly of God.

Review:

Message #1. The **Assembly** of God – Hebrews 10:25

Assembly of **God** – **the Church**: A people **called-out** from the world by God's **Spirit** to become His people through their confession that Jesus is their **Lord** and **Savior** (Matthew 16:13-18).

Application: Christ followers are **united** in Christ who is the **Head** of the assembly. They **meet regularly**, so they can do **life together** as they are following Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23).

Message #2. The Assembly of God is **Holy - P1** (I Peter 1:15-16)

- 1. What does it mean **God** is **holy**? God is **preeminent** (supreme), **perfect** (faultless), **pure** (sinless), and our **provider** (source). Therefore, God is **worthy** of **worship**, **obedience**, and **service** that He **demands** of His people.
- 2. How do you **be holy** in your **conduct** like God is **holy**? You **conform** to God's **precepts**, which makes you **holy** in your **conduct** like God is holy (Leviticus 20:8).
- 3. What does a **holy assembly** look like? A **sanctuary**. A **sacred space**, **set apart** for the dwelling of God's Spirit and a **safe place** for God's people to come into for **corporate** worship (Ephesians 2:21).

Message #3. The Assembly of God is Holy - P2

- 1. **Positional** holiness: Refers to God makes you **holy** by **means** of **Jesus Christ** and you become His **possession**. Reference: I Corinthians 1:2
- 2. **Practicing** holiness Refers to you **conforming** to God's precepts that makes you **holy** in your **conduct** and **distinct** from the culture. Reference: Leviticus 20:8
- 3. **Perfecting** holiness Refers to your **desire not** to sin; your **character** is **bearing** the **fruit** of the Spirit and you **produce** good works (godly works). References: Hebrews 10:14, I John 2:1, John 15:16
 - **Devoted** to obeying the Scriptures: Exodus 24:7



• **Disciplined** in mind: Romans 12:2

• **Display** spiritual fruit: John 15:16, Galatians 5:22-23

Message: The Worship Assembly – PT1

We are the priests of God: I Peter 2:5

- 1. What is worship? it is the **means** whereby God's people **acknowledge** His presence among them and **ascribe** His **worth** to Him.
- 2. Why does God want us to worship Him? God requires us to worship Him because He is worth it. Revelation 4:11
- 3. How to worship? God gives us instructions on how to worship Him. If His conditions are not met, God rejects our worship: Cain and Abel Genesis 4:3-5, Nadab and Abihu Leviticus 10:1-3 offered strange fire (incense) before the Lord, Pharisees, and Scribes Matthew 15:8, Idols Romans 1:23 when you put more worth on the means than the end
- 4. What does God require in worship? Worship requires us to rely on the Holy Spirit and not human effort. Philippians 3:3

Our Worship Assembly

- 1. <u>Corporate</u> Worship **collective** body worshipping God on **one accord**. It is about the "one accord" of the spirit, mind, and desire and not the "**cords**" from the musical instruments.
 - Celebration Psalms 122:1
 - Participation Psalms 134:2
 - Anticipation Psalms 130:5
- 2. **Worship** Songs inform, conform, and transform
 - **Vertical** singing acknowledging the awe of who God is
 - Horizontal singing that encourages the benefits of God and having an expectation of His faithfulness
 - Experiences your direct knowledge and participation with the words and the events of the song

"If songs are sung unto God, can singing be critique as good or bad?"

- 3. Character of Worship spirit (inspired) and truth (informed) John 4:23-24
 - **Spirit** inspired by revealed knowledge of God
 - Truth informed who God is and instructed how to worship Him from inward sincerity and not an outward performance