

THE PREPARATION (2)

“With a scriptural call to worship, God invites us by his word to join the worship of the ages and angels. God does not simply invite us to a party of friends, or a lecture on religion, or a concert of sacred music - he invites us into the presence of the king of the universe before whom all creation will bow and for whom all heaven now sings.”

Bryan Chapell, *Christ-Centered Worship*, 160

The Call to Worship

The invitation.

“A leader gives a 60 to 90 second exhortation on the nature and practice of gathered worship. It is based on a verse of Scripture or on a Scriptural idea already in the service- in the hymns about to be sung or in some other item of liturgy. The “worship prep” must go from friendly...to rousing and intense in just a few seconds.”

Tim Keller, *Worship by the Book*, 228

“This hour is not like every other hour. In this hour, we gather as the people of God, according to the command of God in order to worship God.”

The exhortation or charge.

God has an aim for his people through this passage. The aim of the passage should be the aim of our service/ liturgy.

(The confession).

“We do not want any to think that they require a priest’s (or preacher’s) intercession to gain access to God’s mercy. As valid as that concern is we should not stop worship leaders from reminding God’s people of heavens mercy in a service designed to reflect gospel truths.”

Bryan Chapell, *Christ-Centered Worship*, 195

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The Scriptural call.

It is an actual call. “Hey, you, come and worship now.”

What does it do to us?

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3.

Prayer.

Also known as invocation. God has called us and we call on Him in response.

What should you do next Sunday:

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3.

“Our worship services should summon us into the presence of God, we should bow together to confess our sins as a people - and represent the sins of our nation before him as we do, we should consecrate ourselves to him fully as we confess our faith, sing psalms and hymns, and here a message that is preached out of the Bible, we should gather around the Lord’s table weekly, and then, under the benediction of his appointed minister, we should head out into another week to conduct another series of raids.”

Douglas Wilson, *Rules for Reformers*, 218