

# Sermon Outline

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## Possessing the Promises: Part 15 Worshipping God: The First Worship Service in the Promised Land

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- IX. GOD'S GREATNESS WAS MEMORIALIZED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS
- X. GOD RENEWS HIS COVENANT WITH THE PEOPLE WITH THE ACT OF CIRCUMCISION
- XI. THE PEOPLE CELEBRATE PASSOVER: CELEBRATING GOD'S DELIVERANCE
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- XV. GIVING GOD WHAT HE CLAIMS AS HIS
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- XVII. THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CONSEQUENCES
- XVIII. RECOVERY FROM DISASTER

### XIX. WORSHIPPING GOD

Being the first worship in Canaan, God intended for it to set a pattern for all worship services that would follow. See the first worship service Israel had after being freed from bondage (Ex. 19:1-24) and the first worship service in heaven that John saw (Rev. 4:1-11).

#### Our Worship of God Is To Focus on God and Please Him, Not Us

*When we worship God, we are to do it His way to please Him. What is important is not what it does for us, but what it does for God...It is an offering to God, not to us.*

**A. God has determined what type of worship He will accept, it is not up to us.**

**B. To be accepted by God, our worship must be according to His instructions.**

**1. Sin must be dealt with before God will allow us to worship Him**

*Notice that the worship experience comes after Joshua and the people dealt with the sin in their midst.*  
Psalms 66:18; Proverbs 15:8,29

**2. Joshua built an altar according to God's specific instructions** Exodus 20:22-26; Deut. 27:4-10

**a. Joshua was only allowed to use materials provided by God—man's "improvements" only pollute what God has provided.**

**b. God's law was inscribed on the altar and the law pointed to man's sin.**

Though man cannot meet the requirements of God's law, God does not accommodate the requirements of His law to man's limitations.

**c. The altar was a place where the life of an animal was sacrificed as a picture of Christ's sacrifice in our place to pay for our sins.**

Since man is a sinner, the only way a sinner can enter into God's presence is to be cleansed by blood — an innocent life has to be sacrificed in our place.

1) **The sin of Adam and Eve** Genesis 3:6-10, 21

2) **The sin of Cain when he killed Abel** Genesis 4:1-11

3) **The blood of animals cannot take away our sin** Hebrews 10:4