

1 CORINTHIANS:

God's Glorious Church in Real Life

Sermon Title: "Reflecting God's Character in Our Worship"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

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INTRODUCTION

I. WORSHIP THAT HONORS THE CHARACTER AND NATURE OF GOD

1) Verse 26: There can be (should be) a richness of diversity in different aspects of our worship and yet everything must be done with the ultimate goal of loving edification (of building up others in Christ).

1 Corinthians 14:3, 12, 17, 26 -

2) Verses 27-32: In our worship, there is to be structure and order that prioritizes edification and that demonstrates preference for and humility towards one another.

1 Corinthians 14:27-28 -

1 Corinthians 14:29-32 -

Plurality (1 Corinthians 14:29)

Evaluation (1 Corinthians 14:29; 1 John 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22)

Preference (1 Corinthians 14:30-31)

Self-Control (1 Corinthians 14:32-33a; Galatians 5:22-23)

3) Verses 33-35: The context of these verses is addressing prominent speaking gifts and roles, which result in ongoing growth, maturity, and edification in the body of Christ; in this way (in these roles), when the body is gathered for corporate worship, God desires and commands for men to lead in these areas and for women to honor and respect God's design.

1 Corinthians 11:4-5a -

4) Verses 36-38: This is not Paul's opinion but God's word; to reject this teaching is to reject the Lord's command.

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What does Paul say is one of the primary objectives and purposes of us gathering together?
2. What are some of the guidelines for the use of tongues and of prophecy? Why are these instructions important?
3. What does Paul say about the character and nature of God? How should this instruct us and shape our view of life in the Body of Christ?
4. Did Paul know that He was writing Scripture/God's word? What did Paul say about someone who rejects and disregards his teaching, his letter?