

## SOME BIBLICAL RESOURCES FOR THE ORDERING OF WORSHIP

- **National covenant renewal services**

Deuteronomy 26:16-19: This very day the Lord your God is commanding you to observe these statutes and ordinances; so observe them diligently with all your heart and with all your soul. Today you have obtained the Lord's agreement: to be your God; and for you to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, his commandments, and his ordinances, and to obey him. Today the Lord has obtained your agreement: to be his treasured people, as he promised you, and to keep his commandments; for him to set you high above all nations that he has made, in praise and in fame and in honor; and for you to be a people holy to the Lord your God, as he promised.

[Joshua 24](#)

2 Kings 23 (Ch. 22 gives historical background)

Nehemiah 7:5-73

- **Jesus' Jewish worship**

Synagogue synax service of praise – prayer – scripture – interpretation, to which Christians added the meal of the anticipated Kingdom (Eucharist or thanksgiving to God)

- **Jesus' table fellowship and resurrection → God's New Age**

- **Isaiah 6:1-9** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" <sup>9</sup> And he said, "Go . . ."

- **Acts 2:42:** “And they [the disciples] devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to community life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.”
- **Luke 17:11-19.** Luther once defined worship as the tenth leper turning back. Luke’s story of the ten lepers, contains unique worship language terms in the Greek (*doxa* and *eucharisté*) and has a rudimentary order of worship within its narrative: we come to Christ, standing afar off to call upon him and ask for mercy.(Entrance). Then Christ tells us what to do (Word), which we do (response to the Word) and in the process are healed. But one turns back to give thanks (eucharist). Then Jesus sends the leper forth, telling him his faith has made him whole (sending).
- **John 4:23-24** where Jesus discusses places of worship with the Samaritan woman at the well: “. . . true worshipers will worship God in spirit and truth, for such are those whom God seeks as worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship the Lord must worship in spirit and truth.” This could be seen as the basic revivalistic order of worship with the truth being the scripture and preaching and everything coming before as being movements of Spirit.