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Visitors welcome: Thank you for visiting with us today. If you have any questions about the bible or our service, please feel free to ask questions after service

Continued prayer requests: Sister Ceil Ellis, Sister Sue; Brother Henry; Sister Vernelle; Sister Fannie Kelley; Sister Diane Wortman, Brother Smith, Sister PeeWee, Sister Emily, Brother Vince, Brother Sullivan, Brother Hook and Sister Felecia.

Prayer requests from Last Lord's Day: Brother Thomas for friends and family; Sister Patricia for Ashyra to make worship; Sister Roby for family; Sister Netta for strength overcoming anger and judgement and for her daughter; Brother Dave for family; Sister Sharon to be patient and not judge, and for better results with different medication; Sister Jeanette for overcoming anger when driving, for her daughter Jessica going through the process of having tumors removed, for Vince's eyesight and his patience; Sister Jennifer to stay in Bible; Brother Rashaud for household family and Xavier; Brother Devin for Elizabeth starting new position and continued Bible study; for our visitor Robert Williams for God's grace in patience and control over profanity; Brother Stuart for Thornton household that out due to illness, and for Edgar and Ceil, also out due to illness.

Announcements:

- The church has subscribed to a Church App. Called Lightpost starting January 2025. You will be able to download the app Lightpost and enroll to the Eloy Church of Christ account. This will house our directory and provide attendance, visitor and group notifications. Once account set up is completed, you will be notified that you can log on to the App.
- There will be a Congregational Meeting today after morning worship
- The Area wide singing is today in Coolidge at 2:30 pm. Evening worship will begin at 4:30
- The Ignited YOUTH team will have a meeting on February 1 at 4 pm. A meal will be provided
- The First Sunday Singing will be February 2 at Southside Tucson. The singing will begin at 3 pm
- The next Fundamental Friday class will be on February 7 at 7:30 pm. Potluck
- The next Arizona Lectureship meeting will be on February 15 at 10 am at Tonto Street Church of Christ
- There will be a Total/Family Day on February 9. A meal will be served after morning worship. Evening worship will begin at 2:15 pm. Team #2 is responsible for meal service and clean up this day
- There will be a Mens' Training Class and Ladies' Bible class on February 16 at 2:30 pm
- Our Eloy congregation is in need of a Media team. If anyone has associated skills and is interested in spreading the Gospel in various formats, please contact Brother Stuart
- Members, please send the email addresses of delinquent members to Brother Williams so an effort can be made to bring these souls back to the Body before it is everlasting too late. Brother Williams email is eddietrustgod@yahoo.com
- Your weekly offering can be submitted electronically by Zelle to account eloycoc@outlook.com
- There are copies of the sermons available upon request. There is no charge for them.

*****John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another*****

Memory verse leader this week: Jerimiah Kelley - 1 Cor 14:37-38 (KJV)

37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. 38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

Memory verse leader next week: Devin Coleman - Philippians 2:12 (KJV)

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

MINISTER'S NOTES:

The Purpose of Our Worship of God (Part 1)

The purpose of our worship is to glorify, honor, praise, exalt, and please God. Our worship must show our adoration and loyalty to God for His grace in providing us with the way to escape the bondage of sin, so we can have the salvation He so much wants to give us. The nature of the worship God demands is the prostration of our souls before Him in humble and contrite submission. James 4:6, 10 tells us, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up". Our worship to God is a very humble and reverent action.

Jesus says in John 4:23-24, "But the hour is coming, and now is, when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is a spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." It doesn't say we can worship God anyway we want, but we "must worship Him in spirit and in truth". The word "must" makes it absolute. There is no other way we can worship God and be acceptable to Him. The word "must", according to Webster, expresses "an obligation, a requirement, a necessity, a certainty, and something that must be done". When "must" is used it means that it is not optional. Here the word "must" is expressing that in spirit and in truth is the only way to acceptably worship God.

God seeks true worshippers, and He identifies them as those who "worship Him in spirit and in truth". Worshipping God in spirit means that it must be done from the heart. Worshipping God in truth means that it must be done according as God has specified in the Bible. Worshipping God in spirit and in truth is a serious matter which must not be taken lightly. If we have any regard for our own souls, we will want to make sure we are worshipping God in spirit and in truth.

Since God is the object of our worship, He and He alone has the right to determine how we are to worship Him. We read in Jeremiah 10:23, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself, it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps." We are not granted the option of directing our own ways in religion. God is the One who we look to for guidance and direction in our lives.

Our very best in worship is due God and is prescribed by Him in the Bible. The worship God has prescribed is the only way we can be pleasing to Him in this life and finally attain everlasting life with Him in eternity. The Christian's worship is of the greatest importance.