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D. Some thoughts on the reality of worship as viewed in this light of appreciation...

1. There is the matter of content...what we say and what we do. Worship may not be prescribed in content...there is a very individualized heart approach. But it is the building of God through the praising of His Name and Work. It is the way in which we bless God...in which we give to Him what He does not have otherwise...our love and esteem.
2. As such it is a part of the life of the believer and then a part of the life of the collect company. It is regrettable that there are those who feel collective worship is not needed...it does suggest (although we must go slowly in our judgments) that their personal worship is not every exciting... at least not meaningful enough to allow them the privilege of sharing it with others.
3. But if the case for worship and the cause for its existence are held in view, there can be no doubt that the soul is at a high point when it is enjoying the praise it and kindred spirits are offering to God.

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E. Some notes to remember....

1. Keep in mind the definition of worship...
2. Remember that it is voluntary, natural and spontaneous.
3. Remember that while the expression is from you, the governing principles are from the Word of God.
4. Remember that it has a priority place in the life of the saint.

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F. Looking forward...

The next three lessons take up various parts of our participation in worship in general and public worship in particular.

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G. Some questions...

1. Can you see that, while worship is the prior part of one's spiritual life, it is not the only thing? What other spiritual outlets are needed in the life of a believer for health?
2. We must be careful not to act as if we were a "worship cult" for there is no room for fleshly boasting in any of our understanding and service. What steps may be taken to prevent such an occurrence?
3. Why, in your opinion, do we sometimes begin Christian life with greater enthusiasm and then, as we grow, become less fervent in our testimony? What do you think may be done about it?