

Worship as Mission

1. The Reversible Vest
 2. What is worship?
(For God or for us? For believers or for unbelievers?)
- Schattauer's Three Perspectives:

Inside-and-Out Outside-In *Inside-Out*

Worship: Good News for Everyone

I. Reverent Giving (Deut.14:22-23)

- The concept of tithing teaches that God is the owner and master, who provides Israel with everything that they have.
- Tithing creates fear of the Lord (acknowledgement that God is the provider). It also teaches the children about the importance of recognizing that God is the Great Giver.
- Even when they gave to God they would share in a fellowship meal.

II. Joyful Eating (Deut.14:24-27)

- Notice that When God receives tithes He gives it right back to the people who use it in joyous worship and fellowship. (He took...and Gave it).
- Also, giving is not just for God, but for others in need (Levites).
- Notice that this is a form of worship combining Giving and a Fellowship meal.
- “Eat in the presence of the Lord”—an act of worship and a fellowship meal. The Priest, the Gentiles, the widows, the Levites, the orphans, the widows, these were all invited.

III. Graceful Sharing (Deut.14:28-29)

- The three year tithe is only for your own community. It is like the Give-Away. It is strictly for those who have nothing—orphans, widows, Gentiles, Levites.

— Notice that this is open to everyone, not just a select group. They did not practice “closed communion.”

— Every year they gave a tenth. Every three years they gave a second tenth. This additional tenth was for a give-away and for a big meal again.

— These were sacred festival in the presence of the Lord (v23,26). This is rejoicing and an act of worship: fellowshiping with God AND with the people.

Gospel Hands/Minds — giving and revering

Gospel Mouths — rejoicing and eating

Gospel Hearts — sharing and accepting

What type of Church are We?

***** Challenge: Let's be an Inside-Out Church!**

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