



Why We Worship the Way We Do

"Orthodoxy is the Church of Christ on earth. The Church of Christ is not an institution; it is a new life with Christ and in Christ; guided by the Holy Spirit" Sergius Bulgakov

"Ortho" + "dox" = _____

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ORTHODOX AND MODERN WORSHIP?

THE _____: My desires? God's instructions?

"Thus you shall do to Aaron and his sons, according to all that I have commanded you." Exodus 29:35

THE _____ DETERMINES NATURE OF _____

Liturgical worship remains _____ because the audience remains _____.

THE CHURCH HAS ALWAYS BEEN _____

"As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Acts 13:2

WHY GOD WANTS OUR WORSHIP TO BE LITURGICAL?

Answer = to prepare us for _____ worship

"For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." Hebrews 8:5

"Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these." Hebrews 9:23

A MODEL FOR HEAVENLY WORSHIP

"Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads...Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne... And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back... And they do not rest day or night, saying: 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!'" Revelation 4:4-8

ALSO SEE ISAIAH 6:1-7

1. WORSHIP WITH EYES THROUGH _____

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image" Exodus 20:4

"Moreover you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine woven linen and blue, purple, and scarlet thread; with artistic designs of cherubim you shall weave them." Ex. 26:1

2. WORSHIP WITH EARS THROUGH _____

"Praise Him with loud cymbals; praise Him with clashing cymbals!" Psalm 150:5

3. WORSHIP WITH TOUCH & TASTE THROUGH _____

"So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth with it, and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged.'" Isaiah 6:5-7

4. WORSHIP WITH SMELL THROUGH _____

"Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints." Revelation 5:8

"For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; in every place incense shall be offered to My name, and a pure offering; for My name shall be great among the nations," says the LORD of hosts." Malachi 1:11

REMEMBER THIS: WORSHIP IS FOR _____, NOT YOU!!!

"But you profane it, in that you say, 'The table of the LORD is defiled; and its fruit, its food, is contemptible.' You also say, 'Oh, what a weariness!' And you sneer at it," says the LORD of hosts." Malachi 1:12-13