

## LET'S BUILD 3 TABERNACLES

Luk.9:28-36

Seems firmly ingrained in man's nature to erect monuments, observe days, in order to honor. In many cases it is fitting to honor national heroes, great men who made history.

### TENDENCY FOUND IN BIBLE

**Many have thought "it is good" to honor God in various ways.**

This has been going on since man began to worship God.

**In Old Testament.**

King Saul allowed people to bring back offering to God. 1Sa.15:22

**In New Testament.**

Peter, "not realizing what he was saying" [Text]

John thought it good to worship the angel. Rev.22:8

**All of these were sincere.**

### TENDENCY FOUND IN CHURCHES TODAY

**Innovative services that appeal to the masses.**

Each generation seeks new ways of worshiping.

**Others hold to traditional acts of worship, which are not found in the Bible.**

**Many feel that worship of God in any form is acceptable.**

Dance, drama, magic acts, etc. done to "glory of God."

**Another part of problem: democracy has been brought into churches.**

Kingdom of God is a *monarchy*.

Members are subjects who obey; have no voice in determining acceptable worship.

### SINCERE ACTS OF WORSHIP NOT ALWAYS ACCEPTABLE

**To speak against such worship is likened to heresy; narrow mindedness.**

Hard for some to understand a Christian objecting to various ways of worshiping.

**Jesus said not all worship is acceptable.** Mat.7:21ff

Unless according to His will. Mat.15:9

Jesus condemned Pharisees. Mat.23:29-30

**Paul was concerned over members observing days, etc.** Gal.4:10

### HOW TO WORSHIP

**God hasn't given us the right to decide how to worship Him.**

American's have overdosed on 'rights.'

Rights are bestowed, not assumed.

**This comes as a shock and surprise to many.**

"Surely he's pleased with our offerings of worship, whatever they may be." No!

"Aren't days observed in His honor, pleasing to Him?" Depends!

**Our worship must be "in spirit and truth."** Joh.8:32

**It's not about external things:** buildings, pageantry, clothing, rituals:

It's internal: heart-felt.

External things detract.

**It's "in spirit"**—the inner person.

**It's "in truth"**—according to Word which reveals the mind of God.

**We are to worship as He has directed, not as we please.**

Must not assume what pleases us also pleases Him!

Sincere acts of worship may please the group, but fail bring about their salvation.

### LIKEWISE

The gift of salvation is freely given to all men.

The way of receiving it is the same for all. Joh.14:6

Mat.28:18-20, Mar.16:15-16, Act.2:28, Act.22:16, 1Pe.3:21

It's the Lord's way, it's His church, it's His will—not mine.