

Hinderances To Worship

"Late Comers"

1 COR. 14: 40.



"Irreverent Attitude"

1 TIM. 3:15.

"Sleep In Worship"

ACTS 20:7-12.

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Gen. 15:8-11

INTRO: We find that man has worshipped from the beginning: Able, Noah, Abram, Moses, John the Baptist. The worship was always sacrificial. (Performing the nature of a sacrifice. John 4:24.)
Worship is essential to man's happiness: He is not content until it is done. John "in the Spirit" on Patmos. Rev. 1:10. Paul and Silas. Acts 16:25. Daniel bowed and prayed. Dan. 6:10.
Old Testament worship is simple in its composition; altar was made of dirt and stone. New Testament worship is simple: no grandeur, no titles, and no rituals. Pray, Sing, Teach, Give, and Lord's Supper.

I. OPPOSITION TO ABRAM'S WORSHIP (BUZZARDS).

Buzzards soon gather when something dies or is sick. They can see for a great distance; they have a keen sense of smell. The smell is horrible. Abram had to drive the birds away. They tried to hinder his worship. Today, we have buzzards of hindrance in our worship. Satan comes into the assembly of the saints. Job 1:6.

II. THE BUZZARD OF IRREVERENT ATTITUDE. 1 TIM. 3:15.

Examples include: noise in the assembly; talking, laughing, noisy children, crying babies, writing notes, petting, children running out of services, distracting thoughts. More examples include: vacant stares and wandering eyes; dressmaker got wonderful idea for dress during sermon; bus driver wondering about trip and how to get all the people in the back. We make our appointments too close; we have to rush too much.

III. THE BUZZARD OF LATE COMERS.

Those who come in late; tramping of feet during prayer. We have to wait to sing. The services are to be carried on decently and in order. 1 Cor. 14:40.

IV. BUZZARD OF SLEEP IN WORSHIP.

The person that spends so many hours in other things that he has no time to stay awake in the worship. This disinterested attitude hurts the work. Some shall be like Eutychus. Acts 20: 7-12.

CONCL: We need to strive to drive away those birds of prey lest they spoil our worship. Let us be as Abram of old and drive away the things that will hinder our worship. It is not the people, but the bad habits they get into.