

How to Think about Worship Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pt. 1
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Introduction:

- A. Global Pandemics Merit Attention in the Ministry of the Word
 - B. Where we stand with COVID-19
 - C. How COVID-19 is both unprecedented and preceded
 - 1. Spanish Flu of 1918
 - D. How do we Think about Corporate Worship Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic?
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- I. *We Need the Wisdom of the Sons of Issachar* (1 Chron 12:32)
Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do...
 - A. Difference between knowledge and wisdom
 - II. *Worship Must Be Modified in Exile* (i.e., when “all things” are not equal)
 - A. Jews had to adjust their worship to fit the context of their crisis
 - 1. Scriptural Precedent (Hosea 14:1-2)
Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take with you words and return to the LORD; say to him, "Take away all iniquity; accept what is good, and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips.
 - B. Now is not a time for denial. It is a time for action

Conclusion:

- A. People are asking “Why?” Christian should be there with the answers
- B. “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matt 10:28)