



Lesson 4: Dramatic Acts In Worship

When you are trying to teach, if at all possible, point.

Steps in learning: hear, see, do

Old Testament Worship Drama -

- the sacrifices:

preparation of the worshiper

preparation of the sacrifice

offering the gift

coming to the altar

sharing a festive meal

- the festivals (dramatizing God's mighty works)

Passover -

Feast of Weeks -

Feast of Trumpets -

Day of Atonement -

Feast of Booths -

New Testament Worship Drama -

- Lord's Supper

- Baptism

Dramatic Acts In Worship today -

Examples:

Sometimes a few people are involved; sometimes the whole congregation

Drama in worship history:

- 10th century the *Quem Quertas* ("Whom do you seek?")

- Miracle plays

- Mystery plays

- Morality plays

Drama was rejected in the Reformational era because

- suspicion of anything Medieval

- Enlightenment exaltation of reason

"Get the preliminaries out of the way so we can hear the sermon."

Drama today:

Festival dramas; Readers' theatre;
Chancel drama; Storytelling; Slice of life

Dance in worship -

2 Samuel 6:12-15
Exodus 15:20
Judges 21:21-23
Psalms 149:3; 150:4

Ambrose (4th C) - *He who dances as David dances, dances in Grace.*

Expressions Of Dance today -

- posture
- signing
- dance teams
- congregational movement

The objective is _____
the declaring and celebration of God's _____

Issues to Consider:

Quality

Exodus 35:10; 1 Chron 15:22; Ps 33:3

Appropriateness

1 Cor 14:33, 40

Intelligibility

1 Cor 14:18-19

Devotion

Colossians 3:17

In all our activity.....

Soli deo gloria

