

The 7 Elements of New Testament Public Worship:

The 3rd Element - God expects that in the assembly of His saints that they sing Psalms and Hymns and spiritual songs to Him, giving thanks to Him, with reverence and joy.

Psalm 95: 1-7 – “Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the Lord is the great God, and the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.”

Notice here that there are two major ways that worship is being led and conducted by those in leadership. There is the appeal that everyone in worship should praise the Lord; singing, joyfully shouting to Him with Psalms, extolling His greatness as King and Creator. There is also the visible expression of reverence – “Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.” There is in this kneeling and bowing great reverence that is being shown to God, and also the confession of Him as our God, and that we are the sheep of His hand.

The New Testament form that this takes is expressed in the following verses:

Colossians 3: 16 – “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”