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MUSIC AND WORSHIP FINAL

THIS IS AN OPEN-BOOK TEST, BUT IF YOU USE QUOTATIONS FROM THE BOOK, YOU MUST PROPERLY FOOTNOTE (MLA STYLE IS OK)
EXAMPLE: [Webber, p. 150] after a direct quote. Though you may use quotations, NOT MORE THAN 10% of your paper may be quoted.

You are graded on a “curve;” so recall that each question should receive a complete, excellent answer, not just a word or even one sentence. We have some very fine writers in the class, and they will set a high standard of excellence for this test. You may use the entire site as well as the book to research this final exam BUT you must write well and thoroughly.

THIS IS A SENIOR LEVEL COURSE AND MUST REFLECT EXCELLENT WRITING SKILLS AND YOUR OWN CRITICAL THINKING.

PART I: Please explain the connection between the Passover and the Lord’s Supper. (20 points). Explain why the New Testament stresses that the last meal with the Disciples was a Passover meal, by answering the following questions:

a.) The word, “Passover”: What was/is its significance in both Testaments, and today?

The Passover signifies Jesus last day on earth and during the Passover also known as the last supper, Jesus had dinner with his disciples, and He prepared them for His departure on earth. He explained to them that he was going to be betrayed by one of them and that after that he will be crucified. He also told them that after his death He was going to rise on the third day. From my understanding, the Passover signifies the preparation of Jesus to bring redemption for our sins.

b.) Why were and are bread and “the fruit of the vine” (wine or grape juice) used as important elements of Passover/Lord’s Supper or (Holy Communion?)

The bread and wine are used as important elements during the communion because they represent the body and the blood of Jesus. Also, just like the scripture says we are to do

this always in remembrance of Jesus. Doing this we are being reminded of how Jesus sacrificed his life for us so that we can become holy.

- c.) Why is the story of the Exodus retold during the Passover meal? What story is retold at the celebration of Communion in many churches?

I believe the story of Exodus that is been retold during the Passover meal is the story of how Jesus freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, this event signifies Jesus saving grace. The story that is told in many churches during the celebration of communion is the story of the Passover, how Jesus prepared the disciples for his departure from earth.

- d.) Why is Psalm 118 so important to Passover and to the Lord's Supper (It is always recited at the end of the Passover meal?) You may look up Psalm 118.

This verse is very important because it describes how merciful the Lord is and how His mercy is everlasting and endures forever. This scripture is also important because it reflects on the saving act of Jesus, how He overlooked our sins and died for us.

- g.) Explain the reason that the Liturgy of the Passover is celebrated precisely the same way "to all generations." How does repetition teach us? How is this similar to the Lord's Supper?

The reason that the Liturgy of the Passover is celebrated precisely the same way to all generations is because the Passover never changes it stays the same, so we have to always repeat it the same way always. This was also an instruction that was given to us by Jesus we are to do this in remembrance of Him.

PART II: Please list three worship songs--**including at least one hymn**--that can be used for each of these typical parts of worship. **Briefly** explain your choices. (20 points for all)

The Gathering and/or Procession: What songs can help us to gather and focus?

- 1.) Sweet hour of prayer
- 2.) Blessed Assurance
- 3.) Here in Your Presence

The Liturgy of the Word (Bible reading): What songs can prepare our hearts to receive God's Word and the sermon?

- 1.) Holy Spirit You are welcome
- 2.) Holy, Holy, Holy Are You Lord

3.) Open the eyes of my heart

The Celebration of Holy Communion (Eucharist, the Lord's Table): What songs can help us remember what we are doing and why?

1.) Nothing but the blood of Jesus

2.) Worthy is the Lamb

3.) At the Cross

The Dismissal, or Sending Forth: What songs can challenge us to "live the Liturgy all week long" and to share the faith with others?

1.) The Blessing

2.) I give myself away

3.) Lord have Your way in me

PART III: (30 points)

The three great days that define us as Christians--Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday--are called the "Great Triduum.". Please answer the following questions:

1. How are these days important in the life of all Christians, whatever their denomination, whether they are celebrated in your home church or not? (5 points each):

a.) Holy Thursday (the Lord's Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane): This day is important because it reminds us of God's saving grace and also reminds us to totally depend on God for our sustenance. This was also the day Jesus was betrayed by Judas.

b.) Good Friday (Christ's suffering and death on the Cross): This day is very important to us because on this day we get to reflect on the last seven words of Christ before he died. It really reminds us of what Christ went through suffering for our sins so that we might be saved.

c.) Easter Sunday (Resurrection): On this day we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. This is a very important day because we reflect on how Jesus defeated death in the grave. We always have a celebration in my church on this day.

2. What differences from the worship of your own church did you note when you visited a church outside your own tradition? List them. (10 points) What can we learn from visiting churches outside our own tradition from time to time?

1. Their order of service was different

2. Their mode of worship selection.
3. The songs that they sang was different.
4. Their code of conduct was totally different.

3. What musical or worship changes might you like to suggest to your church, if you were empowered to do so, that would enhance the congregation's understanding of the Great Three Days (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday)? If you do not currently have a home church, please consider their possible celebration in chapel service. (5 points)

I think I would likely suggest the use of more hymns. I personally find hymns to be more powerful than every other types of song. They have a way of ministering to the hearts of people. Hymns carry more feeling or expression when a story is being told. This would really be my suggestion

PART IV: (25 points)

1. How can Bible study **and** the study of the historical worship of the Church, from the time of the Old Testament through to the present day, help you to be a more competent worship leader? (15 points)

I think in order to be a more competent worship leader, it is very important that we study the bible, but in order to be more effective I think we also have to study the historical worship of the church from the time of the Old Testament through the present day if not we would not be fully prepared to lead those that the Lord would be placing under our authority and we would not be able to feed them properly with the word.

2. Although dance may not be an element of your worship service, it was certainly an important part of Old Testament worship. Explain, and relate to your worship experience and possibilities for present-day Christian worship. (10 points)

Till this day some churches still add dance to their worship sessions, which I think is great. Though in my church we do not do dance during the worship session, I feel that dance is a more physical way of expression of how we feel in our heart. So, I would definitely embrace this type of worship even if it is not common to me