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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 word Passover represented in the Old Testament is when God sent a plague to kill all the firstborns in Egypt. When the plague comes to any house that had the sacrificed blood of the lamb on their door then the plague will pass over their home and the first born in that home will not have to die. This was a form of worship in remembrance of the Passover instituted by God in that period. He commanded the Israelites to keep that celebration as a memorial of him and his word. In the New Testament, Jesus celebrated the Passover feast and instituted and brought forth a new covenant and we know it as the Lord’s last supper with his disciples. Jesus is that sacrificed lamb and His blood is what saves us from eternal death and destruction. It was the Passover meal in the New Testament because the event is an annual celebration for the Jews.

b.) Why were 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 is important because it represents the body of Christ and the wine represents His blood that was shed on the cross to pay for our sins!

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?

The story of Exodus is retold during Passover because the Israelites were commanded by God to keep that same day as a memory of him and to always celebrate it and teach it to every generation they encounter. At the celebration of communion in remembrance of Jesus' price, the story of Jesus's death, burial and resurrection is retold as a reminder of what He has done for all humanity. Only he can pay that price and it was finished!

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.

It is important because it's a symbol of praise and true deliverance found in Christ and during the Passover, it is a time they remembered when God heard their cry and delivered them out of Egypt, in fulfillment of God's promises.

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?

It is celebrated the same way because that is the way God said it should be done and it was so. It was taught to each generation so that history wouldn't be repeated. This will

ensure that no one forgets and nor misunderstands what needs to be done. It is the same for the Lord's Last Supper that we should not forget and we should constantly remind ourselves of his love for us because he is love. The celebrations are a testimonial story from the Old and New Testament.

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.) I need thee, it's an hymn that is used to bring others to true worship unto him.
- 2.) Power of Your Love- it's an contemporary gospel song, that has strong meaningful words to usher people into his presence.
- 3.) I surrender all to you , it's a contemporary gospel song that reminds us that true submission unto God is the only thing that can make God move on our behalf.

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

- 1.) Heart of Worship, it's an contemporary gospel song that reminds us of the true meaning of pure worship.
- 2.) No longer a Slave to Fear, it's a contemporary gospel song of manifestation of God's promises and words to us.
- 3.) Blessed Assurance, it's a hymn that is well known in the church and it has powerful words that believers cling unto.

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

- 1.) Lest I Forget Gethsemane, one of the most memorable hymns we sing today.
- 2.) The Blood Never Loses Its Power, one of my favorite hymns to sing and meditate on. His blood sets people free !
- 3.) Behold The Lamb, it's a contemporary gospel song remembering the glory of God over our lives.

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.) For Your Glory, this song truly speaks to me , it is so beautiful and refreshing over my life by Tasha Cobbs.
- 2.) Promises by Maverick City Music, is the statement of my life, God’s words are so strong within his promises for us.
- 3.) Wait on the Lord by Maverick City Music, my ultimate favorite song to worship too, singing scripture is so beautiful to 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):

Holy Thursday is important because it’s the foundation of the Lord’s Last Supper with his disciples and when he was in the garden, He prayed a prayer to his father and submitted to his Father’s will and plan and allowed Himself to be captured in fulfillment of God’s plan.

b.) Good Friday (Christ’s suffering and death on the Cross):

Jesus' death on that cross is very important because without the cross, we wouldn't be where we are today! With that cross, we're able to live a life of freedom because he paid the price !

c.) Easter Sunday (Resurrection):

The resurrection of Jesus is the victory we celebrate until today and forever more. He conquered death, he lives !. Sin has been conquered once and for all and because of Jesus' sacrifice conquering sin in our bodies , we now have the ability to live holy and acceptable lives because of the Holy Spirit living within us.

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?

The worship in my home church comes from many styles of the gospel, but we mainly focus on contemporary gospel music but going to different churches, I can see and feel the different styles of genres of gospel that people use to worship God. It's pretty fun to experience and see how others explore with music to tap into God's presence. Music is so powerful ! There are of course different norms to how other churches worship as well which we all have to respect. Different churches have different views on the word of God, some can be more religious than some too. The appearance of a church , the music, the dress code, the order of service, the preaching ... all are differences in what churches face. We all serve one God is what I learn and we have to be more open minded when it comes to church.

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 would like to take them back to the days of slavery times of understanding the roots and taking the congregation on a journey of music of why remembering Jesus is so important to our lives. I love prophetic worship, I don't want to stick to the script but I want to be intentional on what God wants to do. Only he has the final say and only he has the power to move. I want to experience worship that is acceptable unto God and elevating, I love when God's presence is so strong, you feel like crying and the list goes on.

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)

You have to know the foundation of worship to really lead people into worship of revealing God's truth over their lives, it's a form of pure true acceptable worship unto God. That's the only way to reach people to the truth of the word of God and how the word can transform people's lives.

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)

My favorite form of worship is dance and true intimacy with God, pretty much going back to my first love. Dance is a form of freedom for me and it's most enjoyable to me. I get to dance with Jesus and be in tune with him. Dance and prophetic worship are my go too.