**CHRISTIAN WORSHIP - THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE**

Session 9

**Rethinking Worship for the New Millennium**

Lecture 6 (58:59)

Taste versus Root (continued)

Outline

* The Jewish Worship as the Root of Christian Worship
* Christian Calendar
* Christ as the High Priest in worship
1. Jewish Worship Root
* Christ 🡪 Jewish root
* Old and New Testaments v First and Second Testaments
* First Testament reveals to us what is the people of God
* Ge 13:3, 4 (cf. 12:8,9)
	+ Land is where Abram found his identity
	+ It is where he built an altar (for worship)
	+ Land/Altar accentuate the presence of God
	+ The holy place where God speaks to us specially
* Early Christians worship in Jewish Temple and synagogues
* Christianity as a sect among many among the Jews.
* Lk: Jesus participate in Temple worship: He keeps the Torah but get rid of all the human devices, thus, the cleansing the Temple, etc.
1. Clement of Rome (75 A.D.)
* Sunday worship was established
* Adding Eucharistic prayer became the climatic point of Christian worship to the synagogue worship
* The liturgy of synagogue worship:
	+ Prayer
	+ Scripture reading
	+ Elaboration on Scripture
	+ Prayer
	+ Benediction
* eucharist = grace that evokes thanksgiving; It covers three comings of Christ:

Past (remembering he came and died) – Presence (“Christ in the Bread”) – Future (Christ’s return)

“discerning the body” –making contribution to the needy among the community

* worship is bifocal: Gospel and Meal
1. Didache 100 A.D.
* Set prayers used during worship
* C. S. Lewis: if I learn new steps every time, I will never know how to dance
* Worship: set prayer (no one left out) + free prayer
1. Justine, the Apologist, 155 A.D.
* Form of worship established
* Church year (spiritual rhythm)
	+ Yearly
	+ Daily

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| **Yearning for Salvation** | **Celebration of Salvation** | **Proclamation** |
| AdventYearning for the coming of Christ | Christmas (12 days)Christ = Ρ + χ | Epiphany (6 weeks) ending in Transfiguration (Jesus life) |
| Lent 6 weeks 🡪 40 days of fasting in wildernessStarting on Ash WednesdayPurple: color of repentanceMaundy Thursday | Triduum (the last three days):Good FridayHoly SaturdayEaster[evening of Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday] | 40 days to Ascension |
| Ascension | Pentecost | The rest of the year (ordinary time): How Jesus lived the last three years of his life. |