

**INTRODUCTION: A SEASON FOR RESOLUTIONS** (see Jonathan Edwards, *Resolutions*)

- A. YEAR: DAY, WEEK, MONTH** (Gen.1:5f; 2:2f; Ps.81:3; Lam.3:23; e.g., calendar, planner)
- B. DISTINCTIVE OF SAVING FAITH** (see Jms.2:19f; *cognizance, conviction, commitment*; see Rm.7:21f; Gl.5:16f)
- C. SET THE HEART** (2Chr.11:16; 19:3/12:14; Ezra 7:10; Dan.10:12; Lk.9:53)
- D. POINT: IN FAITH, SET YOUR HEART FOR PRIVATE WORSHIP** (see Ezra 7:10; Eph.6:10)

**I. THE KINDS OF PRIVATE WORSHIP**

- A. PERSONAL DEVOTIONS** (Ezra 7:10; Dan.9:2f; 10:12; Mt.6:6; Psalms; see Lk.5:16; 9:18; 22:41)
- B. FAMILY WORSHIP** (Ex.13:8; Dt.6:1f; Ps.78:3f; 1Tm.1:5; 3:14)

**II. THE MOTIVE FOR PRIVATE WORSHIP**

- A. THE METHOD OF GOD** (Gen.17:7; 18:19; 22:5; Ps.78:3f; 128:1f; Acts 16:14f,31f)
- B. THE COMMAND OF GOD** (Dt.6:4f; Ps.78:5; Eph.6:4; see Prov.1:8,etc.; Acts 20:20)
- C. THE BLESSING OF GOD** (Dt.11:18f; 1Tm.4:8; 2Tm.3:14f)

**III. THE METHOD FOR PRIVATE WORSHIP**

- A. GOD SPEAKS TO US: WORD** (2Tm.3:16; 2Pt.1:21; see 1Sam.3:9,10)
- B. WE SPEAK TO GOD: PRAYER & PRAISE** (Psalms; Phil.4:6,7; see Neh.1:6)
- C. NOTE: SACRAMENTS DISTINCTLY PUBLIC** (*baptism*, Mt.28:16f; Lk.2:21f; 3:21f; *Lord's Supper*, 1C11:18f)

**IV. THE BENEFITS OF PRIVATE WORSHIP**

- A. SUMMARY: PRESENT & ETERNAL BLESSING** (1Tm.4:8; 1Sam.2:30)
- B. BLESSINGS OF THE WORD**
  - 1. saving faith (2Tm.3:15; 1:5; Rom.10:17; see Ps.22:9,10 with 1Pt.2:2)
  - 2. spiritual maturity (2Tm.3:16; Ps.19:7; 119:9)
  - 3. useful life (2Tm.3:17; see Prov.)
- C. BLESSINGS OF PRAYER & PRAISE** (see Phil.4:6,7)
  - 1. hope in adversity (Phil.4:6,7; Jm.5:13; see Ps.42:5,11; 43:5)
  - 2. humility in prosperity (Jms.5:13; 2Cor.10:17,18; see Ps.100:1f; 116:12)
  - 3. contentment in every condition (Phil.4:6,7&13; see Eph.5:19,20; Col.3:15-17)

**V. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRIVATE WORSHIP**

- A. WHEN: MORNING & EVENING** (personal devotions & family worship; see Spurgeon; *note*: same time & place each day; Dan.6:10; Ex.30:7,8; e.g., after dinner, Ps.128)
- B. WHAT: SING, READ, PRAY** (Psalter, Bible, prayer list/s (ACTS; Phil.4:6f); *note*: memorization (Scripture, catechism))
- C. HOW: SHORT, SWEET, SUITED** (see Jn.16:12)
- D. RESOURCES: FOYER, ONLINE, OFFER**
- E. TESTIMONIES: EVENING FELLOWSHIP TONIGHT**

**VI. SET YOUR HEART ON PRIVATE WORSHIP!**

- A. SEEK STRENGTH, FAITHFULNESS & FRUITFULNESS** (2Tm.3:14-17; Phil.4:6,7; see 1Cor.12:26f; Eph.4:16; see 1Pt.2:2; Heb.5:13)
- B. GET STARTED, KEEP GOING** (see Ezra 7:10; 1Cor.9:24f; 1Tm.4:16; 2Tm.4:7)

*Brethren, what shall WE DO?* (see Acts 2:37f)