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Christian Worship

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Ps. 139:14 says man is fearfully and wonderfully made. God fulfills man's physical needs: Food for hunger, water for thirst, mate for companionship. Prov. for fear. H. 13:5. God fulfills man's spiritual needs. Hunger for right, thirst for knowledge, communion with Creator etc.

Study: To encourage more of us to appreciate the benefits of Sun. night and Wed. night worship and study services.

I. WHAT MAN HAS LEARNED ABOUT HIMSELF. Fearfully made: drives.
   A. He is a gregarious animal by nature.
   B. He has a need to conform to standards of others.
   C. He is a dependent creature and seeks help from superior.
   D. He needs to identify with a hero. Famous person.
   E. Must be challenged intellectually to be happy. 94%.
   F. Needs to be involved in something he considers good.

II. HOW MAN'S BASIC NEEDS ARE FULFILLED IN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP.
   A. Assembly satisfies gregarious nature. Heb. 10:24-27.
   B. Singing permits all to conform to one activity. Eph. 5:19.
   D. Communion identifies us with greatest Hero. I Cor. 11:23.
   E. Preaching an intellectual challenge. II Timothy 3:16-17.
   F. Giving involves man in God's good works. I Cor. 16:2.

III. TO DO MORE OR LESS THAN THIS IS DISASTEROUS. Matt. 15:13.
   A. Listen to the dying words of miserable sinners.
      1. Thomas Paine, American infidel.
         "I would give worlds if I had them, that "The Age of Reason" had not been published. O Lord, help me! Christ help me! O God what have I done to suffer so much. But there is no God! But if there should be, what will become of me hereafter? Stay with me for God's sake! Send even a child to stay with me, for it is Hell to be alone. If ever the Devil had an agent, I have been that one."
      2. Thomas Hobbs, English philosopher and skeptic.
         "If I had the whole world, I would give it to live one more day. I shall be glad to find a hole to creep out of the world at. I'm about to take a leap into the mystic dark."
      3. J. Wilkes Booth, assassin of President Lincoln.
         "Useless! Useless!"
4. Napoleon Bonaparte. French emperor and militarist. "I die before my time, and my body will be given back to the earth. Such is the fate of him who has been called the great Napoleon. What an abyss between my deep misery and the eternal kingdom of Christ!"

5. David Strauss, German Rationalist and destroyer of the very idea of a God. "My philosophy leaves me utterly forlorn! I feel like one caught in the merciless jaws of an automatic machine, not knowing at what time one of its great hammers may crush me!"

6. King Charles IX of France. Man who ordered the massacre of the Huguenots because they chose Christ above the Pope of Rome as their leader. He slaughtered 115,000 people in France for their faith. He died in his own blood, caused by the bursting of his blood veins. To his doctors he said while dying: "Asleep or awake, I see the mangled forms of the Huguenots passing before me. They point at their open wounds. Oh! that I had spared at least the little infants at the breast! What blood! I know not where I am. How will all this end? What shall I do? I am lost forever! I know it. Oh, I have done wrong. God pardon me!"

DO you believe in Christ as God's only begotten Son? Do believe His way is the only way for you? Then:

B-R-C-B

If have fallen away, come back to Christ so you can say with Cornelius Vandervilt, one of the kings of American railroad builders: "Come ye sinners, poor and needy. Yes, yes, sing that for me. I am poor and needy." His dying words:

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