

CAN YOU LOVE GOD THROUGH RITUAL & SYMBOL?
Your Spiritual Temperament and Moving Toward God, Part 3
Luke 4:16

“And [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath ...” Luke 4:16 (NAS)

LEARNING FROM BIBLICAL “TRADITIONALISTS”:

**1. NOTICE THE USE OF TRADITION IN
BIBLICAL WORSHIP**

“Then have [the Israelites] make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.” Exodus 25:8-9 (NIV)

“One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer – at three in the afternoon.” Acts 3:1 (NIV)

“And on the Sabbath day we [Paul and companions] went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made” Acts 16:13 (NKJ)

“[Paul] went through the purification ritual with the men and went to the Temple. Then he publicly announced the date when their vows would end and sacrifices would be offered for each of them.” Acts 21:26 (NLT)

A. Ritual

Meditating on Scripture

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

Use the Psalms

Begin your day with the Bible

Follow the Christian Calendar

Rule/Habit/Practice of Prayer

Scheduled Prayer

B. Symbols

“... We who are being saved recognize this message [of the cross] as the very power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18 (NLT)

“... The Lord Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is given for you.’” 1 Corinthians 11:23b-24 (NLT)

[Jesus:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11 (NLT)

John “saw Jesus coming to him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’” John 1:29 (NAS)

C. Sacrifice

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice” Romans 12:1 (NLT)

“Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ, who loved you and gave himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins.” Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)

**2. AVOID THE TEMPTATIONS OF THE
TRADITIONALIST**

“The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli ... Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.” 1 Samuel 3:1, 7 (NIV)