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Spiritual Gifts During Worship
12:1 to 14:40

For a considerable time now (**Chapters 8** through **11**) **Paul** has been dealing with matters related to **worship**. In the opening argument (**to see link click Bj – Concerning Our Freedom in Messiah**), despite **their** protests to the contrary, **he** absolutely forbid the **Corinthian** believers to participate in temple meals where meat was sacrificed to idols – partly on the basis of **their** own sacred meal, **the Lord's Supper**. That is followed by three distinct issues involving **their** own gatherings for worship. The first involved **head coverings** in public **worship** (see **Bv – Head Coverings in Worship**), the second centered on **the Lord's Supper** (see **By – Issues Surrounding the Lord's Supper**). The present section is the third of these issues. It is also probably the most important from **Paul's** point of view because here, in particular, the differences between **the apostle** and **the Corinthians** come to a head, especially over **gifts** of **the Spirit**. That seems to be the reason for the close relationship between these chapters and the final issue – the future **bodily resurrection** of believers (see **Dq – The Resurrection of the Dead**). Together, these final two matters, **Spiritual gifts** and **bodily resurrection**, bring the letter to a fitting climax.[343]