

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Lesson #3 -True Worshipers of God
Scripture Reading: John 4:19-24

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Introduction:

1. The discussion Jesus had with the woman at the well led to worship.
2. The true worshipers of God worship Him in spirit and in truth.

I. WORSHIP IN SPIRIT

A. WORSHIP FROM THE DEPTHS OF MAN

1. We love God with all our hearts... (Mt. 22:37-ff)
2. Not sacrifices, but the heart -Ps 51:16, 17
3. Turn to God with all your heart -Joel 2:12-14

B. THE ACTS OF WORSHIP IN SPIRIT

1. Praying -We engage in prayer. The one leading the prayer is speaking the concerns of all our hearts.
2. Communion -Focusing on the death of our Lord (1Co 11:26)
3. Giving -We give as we have purposed in our hearts -2Co 9:7
4. Preaching -listening to God's word. Confirming with Scripture (Ac 17:11)
5. Singing -Focusing on the words of the song (E.g. our song before communion)

II. WORSHIP IN TRUTH

A. THE JEWS WERE NOT WRONG IN THEIR WORSHIP

1. The old covenant (Physical) -Heb. 9:1-5
 - a. Tabernacle, lamp stand, the table, show bread, sanctuary, and the ark of the covenant.
 - b. These were shadows of better things to come.
2. The new covenant: (Spiritual)
 - a. We are the temple (1Co 3:16)
 - b. We are priest (1Pe 2:5, 9)
 - c. Prayers are sweet incense (Re 5:8)
 - d. Singing is with melody in our hearts (Ep 5:19)

B. TRUTH AS OPPOSED TO...

1. Vain worship (Mt 15:7-9)
2. Will Worship (Co 2:20-23)
3. Ignorant Worship (Ac 17:22, 23)

C. TRUTH IN WORSHIP

1. Worshiping God as His word proscribes.
2. i.e. -We follow the pattern of NT Christianity.
 - a. We observe the commandments concerning worship
 - b. We observe the example of the NT church.

Conclusion:

1. Some seek to improve worship by adding unauthorized components to it.
 - a. ie. -instruments, praise teams, clapping, etc.
 - b. All of these are according to man, not the will of God.
2. The best way to improve worship is from the heart: we worship in spirit and in truth.