

True Worship 2019-03-03

John 4:23-26

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Ecclesiastes 1:9....Disagreement here regarding true worship still happening today.

- Expressive, conservative, only Sundays, do right things in right time/way.
 - Jesus says the nature of true worship is in spirit and truth. John 4:16-20

Divert conversation (tried before) or seek info (where to go) because repent? Both?

- If Jesus prophet could answer; not expect Jesus response. John 4:21-22, 2:19, Romans 9:4-5

- Prophecy (70 A.D. both destroyed) and proclaim New Covenant almost in place....Jesus Christ is the new temple —new meeting place with God.

Error with Samaritan religion: worship God independent of Judaism.

- In Pentateuch (Samaritans accepted) God chose Jews and promised the Messiah come through Jews. Psalm 147:19,20; Isaiah 2:3; Romans 3:1,2; 9:3-5,18, Galatians 3:8, 16
 - No true worship without Jewish Messiah at center...no matter sincerity.

- True spiritual worship must have God at center not man.

Both wrong: focus of worship not about right place, right things, right time, right way.

- Still focus today: hymns/chorus, physical actions, emotions.
 - Vehicles for worship but not worship in themselves. Worship worship!
 - Stop judging others on how they worship!

Samaritan woman wants to keep focus on externals of worship, but Jesus wants to move to heart and nature of true worship.... spirit and truth. John 4:23-24

- God is spirit. He is omnipresent so we can worship Him anywhere, anytime.
 - Context not about God's omnipresence but rather because God is spirit we must worship Him in our spirit.
 - "in spirit" here not refer to Holy Spirit, but spirit of man. Romans 8:26
- Can only worship God in spirit when Holy Spirit has caused us to be born again.
 - 3 musts in John reveal foundation of true worship: Must be born again by trusting in Jesus' death to worship God properly. John 3:7, 3:14, 4:24
 - Worship Father thru Son in the Spirit.

Once saved, must worship God in harmony with the truth. John 4:24-26, 14:6

- worship derived from "worth ship"...assigning to God his true worth.
 - Worship informed by understanding all He is and what He has done for us.
 - Deeper go into truth about God, higher go in worship.

Invisible God reveal self generally thru creation, specifically thru Bible, fully in Jesus Christ.

- Obscured/lessened....literally "I am" Jesus claims he is Yahweh himself.

- Come through Jesus is to come in truth because He is the truth.
 - Jesus is God seeking true worship of God.

True worship recognizes God's character/nature and our need and is from the heart.

- truth also means "in a true way" or "with genuineness."
 - Worship truthfully not out of habit but with heartfelt devotion.
 - If worship NEVER touches emotions, something wrong. TOM

Worship far more than Sunday morning/QT singing....it's all day, every day.

- Worth-ship is same as "praising/glorifying" God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

"Worship is all that we are, reacting rightly to all that He is" *John MacArthur*

"Worship is an inner attitude and feeling of awe, reverence, gratitude, and love toward God resulting from a realization of who He is and who we are." *Steven Cole*

- True worship always about loving, honoring, knowing, adoring, obeying, serving God from heart every day in all things.
 - Jesus intensely yearns to make Christians such worshipers.