

True Worship

Jesus used the word “worship” ten times in His encounter with the Samaritan woman. He summed up the matter by saying, “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:23-24).

Who are true worshippers? True worshippers are those who have a lawful right to approach God in worship (John 14:6; 1 Pet 3:18; Phil 3:3). But what constitutes true worship? Many would say that it doesn’t matter how you worship God as long as it comes from the heart. Though one may derive personal pleasure from a particular worship style, mainly worship about giving God what He desires. We can learn some things about worship from what Jesus said to the Samaritan woman.

True worship is for God alone. It is never to be offered to any person dead or alive, angel or created thing (Matt 4:10; Acts 10:25-26; Col 2:18; Rom 1:25).

True worship is concerned with truth or the commands of God. Personal tastes and popular trends in worship have little or no bearing on true worship, and in fact may conflict with God’s stated will regarding worship (Col 3:17; Matt 15:9). Christians ought to be doing the same acts of worship that were done by the church 2000 years ago.

True worship is offered by true worshipers. One who has been added to the body of Christ through baptism into His death (Acts 2:47; Rom 6:3-4) is at the same time added to a priesthood (1 Pet 2:4-5, 9-10) and thus qualified to offer true worship to God. We’ll continue with this subject in next month’s article.

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