

Worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth (part 1)

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John 4:19-26

The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. 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 that One comes, He will declare all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

The issue is NOT the place – it's the attitude, the heart condition.

God must be worshiped in Spirit and in Truth.

The place of worship is in the heart.

The Bible speaks about a lifestyle of worship, something that happens every hour of every day in a believer.

Worship is not merely confessing with the mouth, but worshipping in Spirit and in Truth.

God *seeks* (desires; requires; expects) His believers to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

Therefore, it's inevitable that we worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

We worship God through, and by means of, the Holy Spirit.

He has to be in charge of our worship.

What is the Holy Spirit busy with me with?

My spirit reaching out to God's Spirit.

Psalm 42:7

Deep calls to deep at the sound of Your waterfalls;

All Your breakers and Your waves have rolled over me.

My deep unto His deep.

Truth: To worship in truth - we worship truth. We confess truth.

I cannot worship God for what He is not.

We need to make sure that when we worship God, it is according to the Word of God, because the Word is truth.

We mean what we say.

True worship is free from pretence, simulation and deceit.

It is talking to God.

Truth is being busy with God and we mean every word we say.

2 Kings 19

2 Samuel 6

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What kind of witness do we carry out?

I cannot worship God and, in my worship, tell lies.

Truth is more than merely speaking things out, but living it out.

Haggai 2:10-14

On the twenty-fourth of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Haggai the prophet, saying, "Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'Ask now the priests for a ruling: If a man carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and touches bread with this fold, or cooked food, wine, oil, or any other food, will it become holy?'" And the priests answered, "No." Then Haggai said, "If one who is unclean from a corpse touches any of these, will the latter become unclean?" And the priests answered, "It will become unclean." Then Haggai said, "'So is this people. And so is this nation before Me,' declares the Lord, 'and so is every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean.

Cleanliness is not transferable. Dirtiness/impurities are.

Your clean clothes cannot clean your dirty clothes.

Your dirty clothes can dirty your clean clothes.

Titus 1:15

To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.

I need to live such a life that the people around me will glorify God and know that He is alive.

Cleanliness/Holiness cannot be carried over from Sunday to Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday or Saturday...

When you come into light, the small bits of dirtiness become clear.

I need to be pure so that my worship can be pure.

The only way to be pure in God's presence is because my sin was taken upon Jesus and defeated on the cross.

I need to have a relationship with God through Jesus.

How am I purified?

Jesus' holiness can be transferred to purify, sanctify and justify me.

True worship is genuine, I mean what I worship.

I'm busy with God.

I'm busy with the truth of who God is; who I am; my lifestyle and that I am in Jesus, in The Truth.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.