

TRUE WORSHIP

Mid Week Instruction
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JOHN 4:19-24

- V19: Sir, the woman said, I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where you must worship is in Jerusalem. 21 Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22. You Samaritans worship what you do not know, we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. 24 God is a spirit, and his worship must in spirit and in truth.

V20 - OUR FATHERS WORSHIPPED ON THIS MOUNTAIN, BUT YOU JEWS CLAIM THAT THE PLACE WHERE YOU MUST WORSHIP IS IN JERUSALEM.

JOHN 4:20

Worship is not about a place it is about His presence

WORSHIP IS NOT AN OPTION - V20

- Worship is not an **option**, Worship is an **obligation**. It is a duty to be performed unto God. We were created with the purpose to worship and praise God.
- The one thing the **Church** can do no other assembly can do is to worship God and glorify Him. But worship has changed, the sanctuary has become a theatre, and ministry a performance, worship has turned into entertainment.
- Worship has become a word people use to give religious respectability to whatever they have planned for the congregation to do on Sunday morning whether God is the focus or not.

**V22 - YOU SAMARITANS WORSHIP WHAT
YOU KNOW, WE WORSHIP WHAT WE DO
KNOW, FOR SALVATION IS FROM THE
JEWS**

JOHN 4:22

The church often ritualistically kneels without revelation knowledge. Your knowledge can be a hindrance instead of a help because knowledge begets pride (1 Cor. 8:1)

WORSHIP TRANSFORMS OUR LIVES - V22

- When God transforms our lives through worship, then we have an effect on others in the world. Worship is a byproduct of our salvation.
- Whatever is divorced from worship has no root and therefore it can't be sustained nor can it produce fruit. Where you find fruitless lives you find fruitless ministries and fruitless marriages because of the absence of true worship.
- It is worship that gives us spiritual depth and puts fellowship of the believers on a solid foundation. Worship takes fellowship to another level.

V18 - THE FACT IS YOU HAVE HAD FIVE HUSBANDS, AND THE MAN YOU NOW HAVE IS NOT YOUR HUSBAND, WHAT YOU HAVE JUST SAID IS QUITE TRUE.

JOHN 4:18

What or who we are wedded to determines our availability for worship. We are all wedded to something or someone. Worship is a heavenly lifestyle.

AUTHENTIC TRUE WORSHIP - V18

- Authentic worship is difficult because of human nature being what it is. We don't naturally seek after God and desire to draw near to Him.
- Only the Holy Ghost can create within us the deep desire to worship to give God our total loving adoration. Before the Spirit can bring us to that place, we must deal with our sins, and dealing with sin is not an easy task.
- Worship presupposes acknowledgement of guilt and most people want to feel better about themselves without confronting the idea of guilt. Our society encourages sin but it will not tolerate the guilt sin produces.

SILENCE OF CONSCIENCE - 1 TIM. 1:18-19



"I CANNOT SEE MY
CONSCIENCE DIE
INSIDE OF ME"

This Kashmiri Police
Constable Quit His Job For
The Sake Of Conscience

SILENCE OF CONSCIENCE - 1 TIM. 1:18-19

- One of the greatest forms of abuse is to silence your conscience. There is no real worship, no real salvation, no sanctification and no freedom from the power of sin where your conscience has been silenced through self efforts.
- When we truly worship God it educates the conscience. It makes our conscience more sensitive, Worship makes us more sensitive to shame, fear, retribution, and tells us what we deserve.
- It is the strategy of the enemy to corrupt, de-sensitize and if possible kill our conscience. Worship gives us the innate ability to discern.

CONSCIENCE IS THE VOICE BOX OF GOD

- When Pharoah's heart was hardened. (Ex. 8:15) he silenced his conscience against God's will.
- When David prayed in (Ps 51:10) David was asking for his conscience to be cleansed and reawaken his sensitive to the Holy Spirit.
- Conscience is the courtroom of the soul, it is like the nerve endings on our fingertips so to hear the voice of God and worship God we must deal with our sins.

**THE FACT IS, “YOU HAVE HAD 5
HUSBANDS AND THE MAN YOU NOW
HAVE IS NOT YOUR HUSBAND.**

JOHN 4:18

The way you treat your body reveals more than your preference. It reveals whom and what you worship. Many people take their body to church but leave their heart at home.

WORSHIP & PERSONAL SUCCESS

- Another obstacle to worship can be personal success when things are going well. When God is blessing you above measure, or when all is well in your view but it may not be well with your soul.
 - When a church is in success mode, it can drift towards crowds more than authentic worship and practical Christian living.
 - Entertainment becomes more important than one's personal life style. So you find folk who want to play With God but not live for God. Worship becomes a threat and the Church becomes disturbed by real worship.
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**V23 - YET A TIME IS COMING AND HAS
COME WHEN THE TRUE WORSHIPERS
WILL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT
AND TRUTH, FOR THEY ARE THE KIND OF
WORSHIPERS THE FATHER SEEKS.**

JOHN 4:23

**We have to push through circumstances and make the decision to
worship.....that is what God remembers**

ARE YOU A TRUE WORSHIPER? - JOHN 4:23

- Are you willing to move from religious substitutes to seek revelation and revival? Are you willing to give up religious routines and religious toys and get down to real business with God?
- The biggest enemy of worship in Jesus day was the religious establishment and successful religious people who had long lost touch with spiritual reality and were living only on their reputations.
- Real worship takes time; one of the signs is the calmness that comes to the soul as we wait before God. We are conscious of time but not controlled by time. You enjoy waiting on the Lord to reveal his word and will in your life.

**V24 - GOD IS SPIRIT, AND HIS
WORSHIPPERS MUST WORSHIP IN
SPIRIT AND TRUTH**

JOHN 4:24

If God's Spirit never disagrees with you, you may be worshipping an idealized version of yourself.

COSMETIC CHANGE

- Cosmetic change doesn't impact the heart of the worshiper, changing the bulletin cover, rearranging the pulpit never produces a worshipping church. It is the Spirit of God that produces worshipers
- The Spirit of God must work in our hearts. Worship begins within ourselves, when we let God work within us in God's own special way. We allow God to get rid of the baggage.
- This means saying good-bye to not just bad things, but good-bye to good things, enjoyable things, even successful things because they can easily get in the way of God's best things.

V39 - Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony. He told me everything I ever did.

John 4:39

Worship is turning our attention to the one who is worthy of our attention.

PRIORITY TO PLEASE GOD

- Our priority is to please God and serve God. This will make some folk want to leave and go where it is safer, but the safe place may not be the sacred place of God
- The most sacred place is where the promises of God penetrate your personal life. Where you can proclaim the promises of God are sure
- When we gather to please God there is celebration, edification, and proclamation. We don't go to church to worship because worship should be our constant attitude and activity. We gather to worship corporately.

GOD TAKES DELIGHT - PSALM 104:34

- God is pleased when we think about Him. Since God is a person, our spirit affects his Spirit. God enters into our sufferings and sorrows.
- We pursue God because God has put an urge within us that spurs us to pursue God. We come and offer spiritual sacrifices of praise and service acceptable to God.
- Worship becomes an act of surrender, separation and sanctification. We offer first ourselves. Rom. 12:1. We release any negativity. What we won't let go in the presence of God won't let go of us.

DROP YOUR WATER POT - V28

- Learn to honor God and you will honor your body and honor yourself. Water is important but salvation is better. Jesus offered the woman everlasting water.
- Learn the difference between the side dish, the appetizer, the dessert and the main course. Learn how to abandon what controls your appetite and hunger and thirst for God.
- Get free from the past, unsealed hurts, unmet needs, natural debt, break the contract with your own bondage.

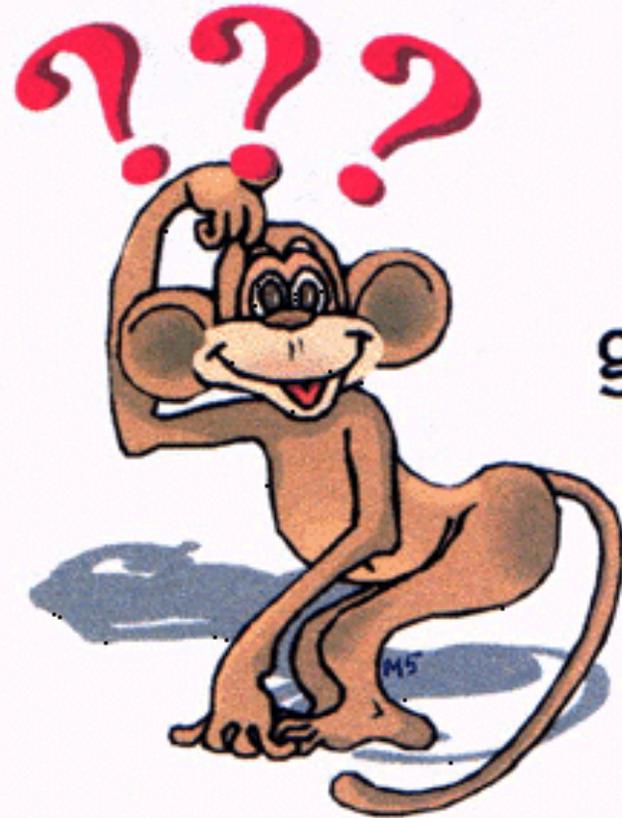


THEN MARY TOOK A PINT OF PURE NARD, AN EXPENSIVE PERFUME; SHE Poured IT ON JESUS AND WIPEd HIS FEET WITH HER HAIR. AND THE HOUSE WAS FILLED WITH THE FRAGRANCE OF THE PERFUME.

John 12:3

GIVE HIM YOUR BEST PERFUME

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS...



Questions
are
guaranteed in
life;
Answers
aren't.