

OUR WORSHIP TO GOD

John 4:23-24 (KJV)

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:23-25 (AMPC)

23 A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true (genuine) worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth (reality); for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers.

24 God is a Spirit (a spiritual Being) and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (reality).

25 The woman said to Him, I know that Messiah is coming, He Who is called the Christ (the Anointed One); and when He arrives, He will tell us everything we need to know and make it clear to us.

John 4:23 (TPT)

23 From here on, worshiping the Father will not be a matter of the right place but with the right heart.

24 For God is a Spirit, and he longs to have sincere worshipers who worship and adore him in the realm of the Spirit and in truth.”

Now is the time. It's the time to worship the Father with true – genuine worship in truth – our reality from Him for the Father is looking for His children who are His true worshippers. We must choose to be His true worshippers.

What Does Worshiping ‘in Truth’ Mean?

The first step in understanding how to worship is recognizing whom to worship. We worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

WORSHIP IN TRUTH

Colossians 2:8 (NKJV)

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

Colossians 2:8 (AMPC)

See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men's ideas of the material rather than the spiritual world), just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding [the teachings of] Christ (the Messiah).

Colossians 2:8 (TPT)

Beware that no one distracts you or intimidates you in their attempt to lead you away from Christ's fullness by pretending to be full of wisdom when they're filled with endless arguments of human logic. For they operate with humanistic and clouded judgments based on the mindset of this world system, and not the anointed truths of the Anointed One.

When we worship in truth, we don't worship empty philosophies that come from the world's way of thinking. Instead, we focus on the message and the truth of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3:16 (NLT)

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom He gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

MAN'S WAY OF THINKING is not God's way of thinking.

Isaiah 55:8 (KJV)

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

In order to worship in truth, we must know the truth, which is found in the God's WORD.

Romans 12:2 (KJV)

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

We must continue to renew our minds to the WORD of God by spending time studying every day. When our minds are renewed to what He says is truth - and not the world, we will be able to come to Him and worship Him in spirit and in truth.

WHY PREPARING FOR WORSHIP IS IMPORTANT

1 Corinthians 14:26 (KJV)

How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

1 Corinthians 14:26 (NLT)

Well, my brothers and sisters, let's summarize. When you meet together, one will sing, another will teach, another will tell some special revelation God has given, one will speak in tongues, and another will interpret what is said. But everything that is done must strengthen all of you.

The beauty of worship occurs in community - unity with other like-minded believers. There is a depth and strength that comes when believers join together in worship, much like the Israelites did around Jericho and like Paul and Silas did in prison. Paul explains aspects of orderly worship. While orderly worship is not the immediate topic, verse 26 tells us the importance of preparing for worship. The one singing needs to select the song, practice and prepare his or her heart before the service begins. The same as the one teaching needs to prepare to receive and deliver the message before the service.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility to prepare for worship doesn't just fall on the worship team and the pastor. We should all come to the house of worship prepared - whether we are singing, teaching, preaching, speaking, prophesying, serving or receiving. Sunday and Wednesday worship is not a time to be entertained and expecting to be served, but it's a **time when God's children gather to give Him honor and praise and to be strengthened.**

HOW TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

We prepare by getting our heart ready. Use the night before or the early morning before the service to seek the Lord by practicing private worship, reading our Bible and praying. Fix our thoughts on the truth of Jesus and all He has done for us. Pray for the service and ask the Lord to help us receive from Him. We may even want to set aside a special time in our schedule to prepare for weekly worship.

OUR LIFE – AN EXPRESSION OF WORSHIP TO GOD

Romans 12:1 (KJV)

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1 (TPT)

Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? I encourage you to surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship.

Our genuine expression of worship to God is our proper response to God's marvelous mercies. A surrendering of ourselves to God in being His sacred - separated from common secular uses - living sacrifices. **Being ALL of His!**

Our worship to God is part of our calling from Him. If we aren't worshipping Him, then who or what are we worshipping?