

ARE YOU A TRUE WORSHIPPER OF GOD?

JOHN 4:20-24

(CONTINUED FROM LAST SUNDAY)

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Introduction "Worship, then, is the occupation of the heart with a known God; and everything which attracts the flesh and its senses, detracts from real worship. 'God is spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.' There is no choice in the matter. This emphatic 'must' bars out everything that is of the flesh. Worship is not by the eyes or the ears, but 'in spirit,' that is, from the new nature." A.W. Pink - EXPOSITORY THOUGHTS FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

If we want to see worship in it's purest form come with me to the deepest, darkest, dampest part of a prison in Philippi, and there in that cell, with backs bleeding, legs in irons, we hear songs of praise and worship rising heavenward. Nothing of the flesh here - only a sweet smelling aroma ascending to the One they loved and served from their heart. Songs of praise and worship must be from the heart and anchored in biblical truth to be acceptable with God.

I. THREE ABSOLUTE NECESSITIES OF JOHN

- A. The Necessity of the NEW Birth - 3:7
- B. The Necessity of the LORD'S Death - 3:14
- C. The Necessity of TRUE Worship - 4:24

II. TWO UNFORTUNATE EXTREMES IN WORSHIP

- A. Gerizim - SPIRIT without Truth
- B. Jerusalem - TRUTH without Spirit

III. TWO ABSOLUTE _____ IN WORSHIP

A. We must worship in _____

B. We must worship in _____

FOR THE FATHER IS SEEKING SUCH TO WORSHIP HIM

APPLICATION:

1. You must _____ the Holy Spirit

2. Your _____ must be centered on God

3. Your _____ must be based on accurate information

4. Your _____ comes from discovery

5. If you are going to do this - it means _____