

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

John 4: ²²"You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. ²⁴ "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth

The Father is seeking true worshipers, those who will worship Him with all their heart. We are first of all worshipers before anything else. Out of our worship everything else comes into place.

When God revealed Himself to us by joining Himself to our spirit, He put in us the will to worship Him. Worship is in our will.

We must understand that there are many parts to our being. Our will is a part of our spirit, a part of our soul, a part of our body. Our will is our true self and transcends (to rise above, go beyond or above, to excel or surpass) all the other aspects of our being.

When we set our will upon God to worship Him, we find our spirit engaging in worship beyond what we are consciously able to do. Real worship is beyond what we are intelligent enough to perform. It is the Holy Spirit that enables us to worship the Father beyond our human capacity to do so. It is the Holy Spirit who teaches us how to worship in spirit and truth.

The set time of worship has come upon us, and this worship requires that our will be set to worship and give thanks unto the Lord no matter what! It is the Holy Spirit that works in us this will which is to

be set upon Him. Our will must be set; the focus of all that we are is to be fixed upon God.

Our will is the leverage (influence, power, force, control) through which our spirit operates. Only to some extent can we control our spirit through our mind and emotions. Our will is the only area where we have a constant mental control of our spirit.

Eph4:23 and be renewed (continuous action, renewed in spiritual vitality) *in the spirit of your mind.*

We set our will on God which activates our spirit where we have control over the focus of our thoughts. When our will is set on God, we have control of our spirit because our will is the activating force that controls our spirit, which reaches down and subordinates our thoughts and emotions.

It is through the setting of our will on God that our spirit becomes set upon God. Our spirit is the part of us that contains the life of God, the part of us that God has joined Himself to. When our spirit is set upon God we have a conscious contact with God. When our spirit is set upon God the life of God is flowing in it.

We are to worship God in spirit. When we set our will upon God our spirit goes into worship. The life of God in our spirit flows out towards God. This is the only kind of worship that He now accepts. This is divine worship; we are worshiping the lord with our spirit which is a partaker of the divine nature. We love Him not with a human love but a divine love; it is an identical love that He has that grows as we activate it. To worship the Lord in spirit is to worship the lord with the divine nature or the fruit of the spirit.

Gal 5: ²²But the fruit (that which originates from God) *of the Spirit is love* (affection, good will, love, benevolence, seeing the need and meeting it), *joy* (the joy received from being in the Lord's presence), *peace* (peace between individuals, tranquility) *longsuffering*, (a self restraint of the mind) *gentleness* (it is a grace which persuades the whole nature, mellowing all which would be harsh and austere), *goodness* (character energized expressing active good, uprightness of heart and life, kindness), *faith* (conviction of the truth, the Lord opening our eyes to see, faith is the acceptance of divine revelation, the God given ability to trust his word, which results in his faithfulness operating in our lives)²³*Meekness* (it is a fruit of power, a condition of mind and heart, it is the opposite of self-assertiveness and self-interest, it is not occupied with self at all), *temperance* (self-control -the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions)

To worship in spirit is the Christ in us worshiping the Father. *Heb 2: ¹¹For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, ¹²Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.*

Worship in spirit is a communing with God on His level, spirit to Spirit.

To worship in spirit is to keep a right spirit at all times. A wrong spirit is a spirit of withdrawal, bitterness, or pride. Pride is an attitude of our spirit. The word talks about having a proud spirit, a rebellious spirit, a stubborn spirit.

To worship in truth is allowing the Spirit of God to search our heart. To worship in the revelation God reveals to us when we are in

His Presence. It is a worship that sees as God sees, thinks and feels like God does. It is God exposing and then covering over every area of our Life through our submission to Him. To worship in truth is to be submissive to his lordship. In our worship we are submitting every area of our life to Him.

When we worship in spirit and truth we enter into His presence where there is fullness of Joy. As we reach into God's heart that joy opens the door to a greater experience of what God has been feeling towards us. It is through this worship that we begin receiving revelation from the Spirit of God. We experience His thoughts towards us and towards others and what He desires to do in the earth.

It is through our worship that we enter His presence and can feel the victory of the Lord. We are entering into the throne room of God. It is in His presence that the work of the cross can be applied to our life so that we die out to the things in our human nature that are in opposition to God.

It is in our worship that we bring our entire being and life into submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We bring everything into submission, commanding everything within us to submit to love and worship Him. We are giving everything that is within us and placing it under His authority, as we set our will upon Him.

It is through this worship that the door opens to closeness with the Lord so that we begin to know Him. We begin to break through from one level or realm into another and another.

God is looking for true worshipers, so He allows circumstances, problems, relationships, necessities and all kinds of demonic assault to

come against to see if we will still love Him enough to worship Him, to see if our worship of Him will have priority above everything else. There are many things God will not allow to be lifted from us because they are there to test us, and they will stay there as long as we are focused upon them instead of the Lord. When we come into this worship as a way of life, then they are removed.

Until we break through to worship as a lifestyle, we will be brought down by our own problems and needs and contrary circumstances. Until we break through to the worship the Lord desires, we will simply be going through the motions or the mechanics of a walk with God, without the flow of God's life motivating us.

It is as our spirit enters into this continual flow of worship to the Lord, that we begin to magnify Him and glorify him in everything we say and do. We are submissive to Him, thrilled with Him, awestruck with Him so that He is exalted to the place that we glorify Him with our lives.

Without this continual flow of worship from our spirit to the Lord, our life gets out of balance and we are serving God and laboring for Him without His anointing upon it and we get worn out. When we learn how to worship first and then serve, everything begins to function. We enter into a co laborer or worker with the Lord and whatever we set our hand to do prospers and bears fruit.

Worship is our first priority; it is the basis of a walk with God. Through worship or spirit connects with the Lord and we are lifted out of ourselves, as His Spirit flows through us ministering life to those we come into contact with.

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