

How We Worship

John 4:19-26

I. You Must Worship the Right God (vs 22)

A. There is only one God (I Corinthians 8:4-6)

1. God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
2. God of Moses, Elijah and John the Baptist

B. "I am" who I am

1. God defines Himself
YHWH, Elohim, Jehovah
2. Man did not create God, God created man
3. God reveals Himself in three Persons
 - a. Father - Creator and Sustainer
 - b. Son - Jesus Savior (vs 26)
 - c. Holy Spirit - facilitator and helper
4. Triune in nature but singular in purpose

C. Idolatry is to worship the wrong god (small "g")

II. You Must Worship in the Right Sanctuary (vs 20-21)

A. God does not dwell in places made with human hands (Acts 17:22-25)

B. God dwells in the hearts of the redeemed (John 14:15-17; John 16:12-14)

C. Anytime, anyplace, but especially together (Hebrews 10:25)

III. We Must Worship in the Right Way (vs 23-24)

A. We worship the Lord in the Spirit

1. As moved by the Holy Spirit
2. An outward expression of God's inward Grace!

Psalm 103:1 "Bless the Lord oh my soul; and all that is within me bless His Holy Name"

B. We worship the Lord in truth

1. Truth is a person "The Word became flesh"
2. Real worship is based on the Word of God

IV. We Must Worship For the Right Reason (vs 23)

A. Not for what I can get

B. To bless God (Psalm 145:1-3)

C. Not about me all about God

1. God inhabits the praises of His people
2. When we exalt the Savior it blesses God and draws all men to Jesus

V. We Must Worship With the Right Perspective

A. Lay aside cares and burdens of the world

B. Focus on things of God rather than things of man

C. Realize you are a citizen of heaven

A royal priesthood a peculiar people (I Peter 2:9-10)

The people of God (Titus 2:13-14)