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WHY WORSHIP?



# John 4:23-24

"The time is coming, yes, it is here now, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. **The Father seeks that kind of worshiper.** God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."



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What does He find when He finds you?



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When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.

A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

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When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is – that she is a sinner."





**True worshipers  
cannot go unnoticed.**





**Worship is not about us,  
it's about Him.**



**True worshipers will always invoke  
the criticism of the spiritually barren.**



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Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"


Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

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Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.

For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, because she loved much. But whoever has been forgiven little, loves little."





**True worshipers are extravagant.**

# Exodus 23:15

"No one is to appear before Me empty-handed."





# Becoming a Worshiper



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- **Psalm 24:8-10** – “Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.”





**True worship is the overflow  
of a heart that is in awe of God.**



**A life lived without  
God's greatness is a gray life.**



## **2. Worshipers hunger for God.**

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**Worship begins in the heart  
and shows in our actions.**



**Never underestimate what one adoring act  
of worship can have in your life.**



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# Psalm 42:1-7

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"


These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.



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Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.

**Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls;** all your waves and breakers have swept over me.



**True worshipers will trust God and  
worship Him...no matter what!**



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