

WORSHIPPING GOD IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

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- Jesus Met The Samaritan Woman At The Well
- He Offered Her A Drink Of Living Water That Would Quench Her Thirst Forever
- John 4:13–14 (NIV) — 13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

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- The Woman Said To Jesus Will Give Me This Water
- John 4:19–20 (NIV) — 19 “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

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- **Where Should We Worship?**
- John 4:21–24 (NIV) — 21 Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain (Samaria) nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”

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3 Types of Worship:

1. Worship That is Ignorant

- Sincere But Not Informed

2. Worship That is Intelligent But Not Inspired

- In Line With Truth; Yet Not Aligned With God

3. Worship That Is Inspired And Ignited

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- Jesus says, “True worshippers will worship the father in spirit and in truth for they are the kind of worshippers the father seeks”
- Worship Is Spiritual It Is Done By And In The Spirit

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Worshipping God In Spirit And In Truth Means:

1. God Can Be Worshipped Anywhere
2. True Worship -- Worship In Spirit – Requires Spiritual Life
3. Acceptable Worship is Spiritual Worship

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- **Worship In Spirit And Truth -- Is That Worship Which Takes Place In Our Hearts -- Inner Man-- Spirit**
- **Spirit Means Internally -- The Opposite Of External Worship**
- **It Is Worship That Springs from a Heart of Love**
- **It Is Worship Genuine & Authentic --- Coming From Deep Within The Heart w/a Desire To Give God Praise And Exalt The Name Of The Lord**

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- *The Fuel Of Worship Is The Truth Of God*
- *The Furnace Of Worship Is Your Spirit*

-- Piper, J.

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Practical Ways To Worship In Spirit And In Truth:

1. With Our Voice.

- Acts 16:25 “But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.”

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2. We Can Worship With Our Bodies

- Ps 63:4 “Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.”

3. With Music

- Ps 150:3-5 “Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the lute and harp! Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! Praise Him with loud cymbals; praise Him with clashing cymbals!”

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4. With Our Lives

- 1 Cor 10:31 “Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

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1. God Is Worthy Of Our Praise And Worship

- Ps 18:3 “I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised.”

2. We Are Designed To Praise And Worship God

- 1 Peter 2:5, 9 “You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

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3. Praise And Worship Changes Us

- 2 Cor 3:18 TLB “And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him.”

4. Praise And Worship Is Our Ministry Unto The Lord.

- It Establishes A Dwelling Place For His Presence
- Psalm 22:3 “God dwells in the praises of His people.”

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5. Praise And Worship Gets Us Ready To Hear From God

- In 2 Kings Chapter 3, We Read Of The Account Of Elisha, Who Was Called On To Give A Prophecy. He Asked For A Minstrel.
- He Wanted To Hear The "Song Of The Lord"
- The "Song Of The Lord" Is What Prepares Us To Hear The "Word Of The Lord."

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6. Praise Brings Freedom From Bondage

- **Praise Secures Our Release.**
- (Acts 16:25-26 NIV) About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. (26) Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose.

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7. Praise Defeats Our Enemy.

- Ps 8:2 NIV “From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.”
- Praise Is A Great Way To Resist The Devil
- It Gets Our Eyes Back On The Greatness Of God

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- **If You Are In A Discouraging Situation --Learn The Value Of Shouting, Singing, Praising & Worshipping**
- **Psalm 27:6 (NIV) — 6** Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- **Put On Garment Of Praise For The Spirit Of Heaviness.**
- **As You Praise Him & Put On The Garment Of Praise Your Faith Will Be Strengthened & Your Joy Will Return**

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- **Don't Overlook The Important Step Of Praising God In Spirit And In Truth. It Will Bring You Through To God's Presence And God's Victory**
- **Praise Him! God Inhabits Praise!**