



person  
and work of  
Christ  
**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

**GOSPEL OF JOHN SERIES – 25**  
**"A Biblical Perspective On Worship"**  
**John 4:20-24**

**INTRODUCTION**

**RENEWING OUR PRIORITY TO WORSHIP**

*"worship" shows up 10x in John 4:20-24.*

*Psalm 29:2, 95:6-7a*

*We go to church to worship God,  
and that's done by GIVING, not getting.*

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

*Exodus 19*

**1. THE DEFINITION OF WORSHIP**

What is worship?

**WORSHIP** is: *"honor paid to a superior being"*

*"proskuneo" which means "to kiss toward, to kiss the hand, to bow down, to prostrate oneself."*

**Remember...**

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

## **2. THE DEPICTION OF WORSHIP**

*A. Fragrance of the Tabernacle's incense. - Exodus 30:34-38*

*B. Fragrance of Mary's ointment.- John 12:1-3*

## **3. THE DISTINCTION OF WORSHIP**

- Ministry is that which comes down to us from the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to one another in the form of spiritual gifts.
  
- Worship is that which goes up from us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the Son, to the Father.

## **5 STEPS TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

1. Quiet Your Mind

2. Pray in Humility

3. Praise Him

4. Be Still

5. Sing

## 1. COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS OF WORSHIP.

⇒ Worship Always Takes Place in Church.

⇒ Worship is an Outward Expression.

⇒ The People on the Platform are the Focus.

*We need to take the premium off Performance  
and put it on PRAISE!*

⇒ The People in the Pews are the Audience.

God is the audience!

Have you played your part today?  
*"Did I worship God today in spirit and truth?"*

## 2. LIBERATING LESSONS OF WORSHIP.

⇒ Worship is always Active never Passive.

Gen.35:2, Ex.24:7, 2 Chron.5:11-14, Neh. 8:6

⇒ Worship is the Central Activity of the Church.

Acts 2:46-47, Eph.5:19

⇒ Worship is the Source of Spiritual Renewal.

Worship is like A NUTRITIOUS MEAL.

Acts 4:13 "...they realized that they had been with Jesus."

⇒ Worship is the Greatest Investment We Can Make.

*"Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."*

Hebrews 13:15

⇒ Worship Brings Healing to the Soul.

David said in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, "*He restores my soul.*"

⇒ Public Worship is either Enhanced or Hindered by our Private Worship.

⇒ Worship is Liberated by the Study of Scripture.