

THE WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

A. The SPIRITUAL PRIORITY of WORSHIP.

1. As observed by it being _____ in Scripture. (Rev. 19:10, 22:8-9)
2. As observed by it being repeatedly _____ in Scripture. (The Tabernacle; The Temple; Acts 2:42, 20:7)
3. As observed by the _____. (Matt.4:9-10)
4. As observed in the _____. (Exodus 20:3-5, 34:14; 1 Kings 11)
5. As observed by the _____. (Psalm 5:7, 22:25-27, 29:2)
6. As observed by the description of _____. (Phil.3:3)
7. As observed by the desire of the _____. (Rev.13:8,12,15)
8. As observed by the _____. (Job 38:6-7; Isa. 6:3; Rev. 4:8, 9, 5:11-12)

What can we learn from this?

B. The SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES of WORSHIP. (John 4)

- The *need* for worship is underscored by the fact that God the Father is legitimately _____ people to worship Him. (4:23b) Is worship a prevalent theme in Scripture?

• How is mankind different than the animals regarding worship? (Gen. 2:7; 1 Thess. 5:23)
Mankind was created in the _____ (Genesis 1:26-27) and has a _____ that causes him to have a God- consciousness and tendency toward worship & spiritual matters.

Animals have a animal “body” and an animal “soul” (Genesis 1:20-21) but they do _____ have a “spirit”. Thus, you never observe any kind of “worship” among the animal kingdom.

2. The *meaning* of “worship” involves _____.

• “worship” (proskuneo) –

• How is this used in Scripture?

- 1) It is used of TRUE worship and FALSE worship. (John 4:23 ; Lev.26:1)
- 2) It is used of PERSONAL / INDIVIDUAL worship. (Psalm 138:2)
- 3) It is used of FAMILY worship. (Job 1:5)
- 4) It is used of PUBLIC / CORPORATE worship (in Samaria; in Jerusalem; with a local church – Acts 20:7)

- The *place* of true worship is _____ the pressing issue but the _____, _____, and _____ are. (4:20-24)

- Why does this woman ask the question of vs.20? Where did the early church “worship”?

1) _____ At first in the _____. (Acts 2:46-47)

2) _____ Later, in _____. (1 Cor. 16:9; Col. 4:15)

- What must you remember about a biblical concept of “worship”? It is NOT first an issue of WHERE but of WHO are you worshipping!

It is not an issue individually of WHERE you worship, as worship is to be an integral part of ALL of life WHEREVER you are! (1 Cor. 6:19-20; 3:16)

4. The *object* of true worship is _____ alone. (4:21, 23, 24) Is it legitimate for God to seek worshippers or is this just an ego trip?

- How was this underscored in the 10 Commandments?
- Is this still true today? (1 John 5:20-21)
- How has this been abused by man? (Rom. 1:21-25)

5. The *framework* of true worship involves a correct understanding of _____ and His _____, starting with the _____. He alone provides and offers. (4:22)

- What were the pros and cons of Samaritan “worship”? They had zeal and believed in the Pentateuch, but were _____ of much of the Bible, including the way of _____. Is this still a problem today?
- What were the pros and cons of Jewish “worship”? (Matthew 15:7-9) They had the complete OT, but they mixed it with _____ rather than from the heart. Is this still a problem today?

6. The *manner* of true worship necessitates that a true worshipper _____ worship God in _____ and in _____. (4:23, 24) Why is this necessary?

7. The *initial condition* for true worship is entering into a _____ with God through _____ alone in _____. (4:25ff)

- What had Jesus explained earlier to this woman? (4:10-19)
- What does Jesus reveal to her now? (4:25-26)
- How does the woman respond to Jesus and what was the result? (4:27- 42)
- How does this apply to you?