



Notes

- What did Jesus mean when he said worship in truth?
 - What is truth?
 - John 18:37-38 - Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”
 - Truth is defined by God
 - John 7:18 - “The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; *but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.*”

To worship in truth is to worship God revealed.

General Revelation

- How God reveals himself in creation.

Psalm 8:1 - O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Psalm 19:1-6 - The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat

Romans 1:18-20 - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse

What to we learn in these scriptures?

1. God’s majesty is seen in creation (Psalm 8)
2. God’s glory is declared in creation (Psalm 19)
3. God’s eternal power and divine nature are clearly perceived in all creation (Romans 1)



- We suppress the truth in our unrighteousness. General Revelation alone is not sufficient. Special Revelation

Special Revelation

- How God reveals himself in His written and inspired Word.
 1. God is Holy – Isaiah 6
 2. God is the only God – Deut 6:4
 3. God is Triune – Genesis 1:26; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; 1 Peter 1:2
 4. God is Faithful – Lam 3:22-23
 5. God is Love – 1 John 4:8
 6. God is Just – Deut 32:4
 7. God is Sovereign – Gen 50:20
 8. God is Good – Mark 10:18
 9. God is Omniscient (all-knowing) – Psalm 139
 10. God is Omnipresent (everywhere) – Psalm 139
 11. God is Omnipotent (all-powerful) – Gen 17:1
 12. God is Judge – Psalm 50:6
 13. God is Merciful and Gracious – Nehemiah 9:31
- God’s word is important for worship, and God’s word fuels worship.
 - Col 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God
 - Psalm 119:11 - I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Christ-Centered Worship

- John 14:6-7: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”
 1. Jesus is *the truth*
 2. Jesus is *the way* to the Father.
 3. Jesus is *the life*.
 4. Jesus is one with the Father.



If we truly wish to worship in truth, we must set the center of our worship upon Jesus.

- Revelation 5:1-5: Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

To worship in truth is to truly worship the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

- God has revealed himself in creation, and in His word, and preeminently so in Christ.