

SPIRITUAL WORSHIP

John 4:21-26 KJV Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. (22) Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. (23) But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. (24) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (25) The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. (26) Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

- JESUS ESTABLISHES THE CRITERIA FOR SINCERE WORSHIP
 - Must know we are worshipping our heavenly Father.
 - Must have a relationship with our heavenly Father.
 - Must have the Holy Spirit to worship our heavenly Father.
 - The Holy Spirit enables us to worship God the way that God desires.
 - The Holy Spirit is to bring about conviction of sin to both believers and non-believers.
 - The Holy Spirit purifies the heart and prepares the heart for worship.
 - Must be honest when worshipping our heavenly Father.
 - No hypocrisy or deceit.
 - Based on the truth of the Word of GOD



**God is spirit, and his
worshippers must worship
in spirit and in truth.**

- John 4:24 -

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True worship is 'in spirit' which means spirit led and from the heart... not from some religious compulsion or law but wherever we are when moved in heart to give honor and glory to the King of Kings. It would also be based in truth. That is, it is based on God's word and Him who is truth - Jesus Christ.

This “spiritual act of worship” is distinguished from worship which is merely mechanical and formal. It is also distinguishable from all substitutionary worship.

It must originate from within, from the heart; it must be sincere, motivated by our love for God and gratitude for all he is and has done.

Under the influence and assistance of the Spirit of God, without we cannot perform worship, neither prayer, nor praise.

SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTER

John 4:7-10 KJV There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (8) (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) (9) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. (10) Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

- THE LORD COMES LOOKING FOR US.

Luke 19:10 KJV For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

- WE DON'T SELECT THE TIME OR PLACE FOR AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

Hebrews 3:15 ESV As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

- Don't ignore the LORD.
- Respond when the LORD speaks.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

John 4:10-15 KJV Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. (11) The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? (12) Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? (13) Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: (14) But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. (15) The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

- JESUS MAKES THE OFFERING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:
- THE WOMAN QUESTIONS JESUS' ABILITY AND HIS CREDIBILITY
- JESUS EXTENDS A SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WOMAN TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

SPIRITUAL CONFRONTATION

John 4:16-20 KJV Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. (17) The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: (18) For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. (19) The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. (20) Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

- JESUS CONFRONTS THE ISSUE THAT HINDERS THE WOMAN FROM RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 2:38 KJV Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

- THE WOMAN ACKNOWLEDGES THE TRUTH
- THE WOMAN JUSTIFIES THE LEGITIMACY OF HER WORSHIP PRACTICES