**Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church**

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Lesson : Worship: As Full Living

Lesson Text: John 4:23

1. **The Priority of Man**

”The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.”

1. **The Biblical Priority of Worship**

* It’s no accident that the longest book in the Bible, Psalms, is all about praising and worshiping God.
* When we get to the end of the Bible, we see the saints and angels in heaven falling on their faces and worshiping God (**Rev. 4:10-11; 5:8-14; 7:9-11**).
* Since worship will be our ceaseless activity and greatest joy in heaven, we ought to be practicing it now.

1. **Working Definition of Worship**

* Worship is our innermost being responding with praise for all that God is, through our attitudes, actions, thoughts, and words, based on the truth of God as He has revealed Himself”
* Worship is **all** that we are, reacting rightly **to all** that He is
* To worship is to ***quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, and to devote the will to the purpose of God***”

1. **An Accurate Attitude for Worship**

* Worship is an inner attitude and feeling of awe, reverence, gratitude, and love toward God resulting from a realization of who He is and who we are.

1. **What Worship Is Not!**
   1. Worship is Not Music
   2. Worship Is Not Methods
   3. Worship Is Not Meeting
2. **What Worship Is!**
   1. Worship Is Loving God.
   2. Worship Is honoring God.
   3. Worship Is knowing God for who God Is.
   4. Worship Is Adoring God.
   5. Worship Is Obeying God.
   6. Worship Is Proclaiming God as Your Way of Living!
3. **Worship Calls for ALL!**
   1. **1 Corinthians 10;13**
   2. **All of life is to be oriented towards God.**
   3. **For some that means:**
      1. Unto Jesus (Matthew 11:28-29)
      2. In Him (Jesus) (Acts 17:28)
      3. According to the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-18)
      4. Unto The Father (John 14:6)
4. **We Worship Up, NOT OUT!**
   1. All of life is to be oriented “God-ward,” permeated with a sense of His majesty and glory.
5. **The SHIFT That Turns Believers into Worshippers-John 4:20-23**

***Our fathers worshipped*** in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, **believe me, t**he hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. (**Non-Traditional)**

22 Ye worship ye *know* not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. (**Covenant-Based)**

**Notice that Jesus takes her implicit question (4:20) about whether Samaritan worship or Jewish worship is correct and uses it to zero in on the aim of the gospel: to turn sinners into true worshipers of God.**

Jesus tells this woman that a significant **transition** is about to take place

“**But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.”**

**Jesus’ presence began this change from the old covenant to the new.**

**Under the old way of worship:** place was significant: all Jewish males had to appear before God in Jerusalem for the three annual feasts **(Deuteronomy 16:16).**

**But in the new way:** which Jesus inaugurated,

1. He is the new temple (John 2:19-21)
2. Believers are being built into a holy temple in the Lord -**Ephesians 2:21**, **1 Peter. 2:5**
3. **Thus where we gather to worship is secondary.**
4. **How and whom we worship is primary.**

**Dispositions that Deny the Conviction of Worship-Mark 3:1-5**

**1And he entered again into the synagogue; a**nd there was a man there which had a withered hand

**2And they watched him**, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him.

**3**And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, **Stand forth.**

**4**And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? **But they held their peace.**

**5**And when he had looked round about on them with anger, **being grieved for the hardness of their hearts**, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

Worship Denying Dispositions are:

1. Failing to prioritize assembling with other worshippers.
2. Developing a posture of inspection or spectatorship in worship.
3. Using a Disability as an excuse not to worship.
4. Holding on to prohibiting beliefs when summonsed by the invitation of the Word, to grow beyond them.
5. Allowing Strongholds, to create congestive heart condition (spiritually, or as it pertains to living reflective of Gods Way)