

**THE PLACE OF WORSHIP****Introduction**

Throughout history, God has consistently required His people to worship Him. In Luke 4:8, Jesus emphasized that worship is reserved exclusively for God. For it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. The woman from Samaria held the belief that worship should be conducted at Mt Gerizim rather than Jerusalem. While the designated place of worship carries significance, it is not the sole location that worship can take place. Jesus clarified to her that true worshippers are those who worship the Father in spirit and in truth. There must be humility in the heart of the person who would worship God, for it is true worship that the Father seeks.

**Memory Verse:** John 4:21 Jesus said unto her, Woman believe me the hour cometh when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor Jerusalem, worship the Father.

**Biblical Application**

God is not limited to time or space. Because He is omnipresent, the place to worship can be anywhere. Jesus told the Samaritan woman; the hour is coming and now is when you will neither worship the Father on this mountain nor in Jerusalem John 4:21. Worship is a matter of the heart. To worship God, there first must be a change of heart, and an awareness of who God is. His presence brings about a sense of godly fear and reverence. Jacob fleeing from his brother, found himself in place where he encountered the presence of God. When he awoke from his dream, he worshipped God by building an altar. Recognizing that the place he was in was “none other than the house of God” Genesis 28:10-22. Isaiah beheld the Lord seated on the throne high and lifted up. An encounter that led him to worship God, exclaiming, “Woe is me! For I am undone; I am a man of unclean lips” Isaiah 6:1-7. Following the Israelites’ deliverance from Egypt, God instructed Moses to erect a portable tabernacle, (the tent of meeting), as a place of worship in the wilderness. Exodus 29:43-46. Later, Solomon built the Temple in Jerusalem where the presence of God dwelt I Kings 6:1. Today believers are now the temple of God I Corinthians 6:19, offering true worship through their lives Romans 12:1. “Thanks be to God!” Through Jesus Christ redemptive work, we are now empowered to worship God in spirit and in truth at any place or time.

- Sacrifice and obedience are a part of worship. Genesis 22:2-8.
- Worship is not confined to a certain place. John 4:21-24.

- A building cannot contain God. II Chronicles 2:5-6; Acts 7:46-50.
- God desires our heart. Isaiah 29:13; Joel 2:12-13.
- Believers will worship around the throne. Revelation 7:9-17.

**Everyday Application**

Remember without obedience there can be no true worship. Matthew 15:7-9; Luke 6:46.

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