

WORSHIP HAS A BEGINNING AND AN END

John 4:19-24

INTRODUCTION

- A. We are commanded to worship on the Lord's Day (Sunday).
 - 1. Teaching or Preaching.
 - 2. Lord's Supper.
 - 3. Prayer To The Father In The Name Of Jesus.
 - 4. Giving As We Have Been Prospered.
 - 5. Singing Using Our Hearts.
- B. Worship has a beginning and an end.
 - 1. GE 22:5.
 - 2. Acts 24:11.
 - 3. HE 10:24-25.
 - 4. 1 CO 16:1-2.
 - 5. Acts 20:6-7.
 - 6. Acts 20:16.

DISCUSSION

- I. Giving our money and partaking of the Lord's Supper happens on the first day of every week.
 - A. The birth of the church in Acts 2 started on the first day of the week.
 - B. All of life is NOT worship to God.
 - C. There are 6 different Greek words that are translated as worship in our Bible.
 - D. Outside of specific worship to God we must still serve God in our everyday life.
 - E. MT 4:10.
- II. There is a difference between specific worship to God and showing reverence or service to God.
 - A. RO 12:1-2.
 - B. PS 122:1-9.
 - 1. He was full of joy when it was time to worship.
 - 2. They were ready and waiting for worship.
 - 3. His focus was on worshipping God.
 - C. We are not the focal point of worship – God is!
- III. How are we suppose to worship?
 - A. JN 4:19-24.
 - B. We must worship God in spirit and in truth.
 - C. JN 17:17.
 - D. EP 5:18-19.
 - E. CO 3:16.
 - F. "In spirit" is the same phrase in EP 5:18 – in JN 4:23-24, the phrase refers to spiritual worship. "In spirit" referring to spiritual attitude and "in truth" refers to the revealed word, JN 17:17. CO 3:16 being parallel ideas because of a sameness of subject and language. There is a slight difference. EP 5:18 specifies worshipping in spirit and CO 3:16 in truth, something JN 4:24 puts together in a single sentence.
- IV. Worship to God must come from a sincere heart and be regulated by the Word of God.
 - A. 2 TI 3:16-17.
 - B. CO 3:17.
 - C. 1 CO 14:33.
 - 1. Vain worship – MK 7:6-13 – Vain worship is not acceptable to God.
 - 2. Will worship – CO 2:18-23.
 - D. We should not be deceived by manmade doctrines or take part in them or you will love your reward of heaven. Acts 17:22-23; RO 10:1-3; Acts 17:30.

CONCLUSION

- A. MK 15:19-20.
- B. 2 TH 1:7-9.
- C. Worshipping God in spirit and truth = heaven.
Vain worship to God = hell.