

“True Worshipers”

John 4:19-24

Introduction

- I. Many sermons and classes have addressed the encounter that Jesus had with the Samaritan woman at the well.
- II. For our focus, let us notice that what Jesus told her implies and requires certain things.
 - A. True worshipers worship in spirit.
 - B. True worshipers worship in truth.

Discussion

- I. True worshipers worship in spirit.
 - A. For worship to be done “in spirit”, it must be done with heartfelt sincerity and reverence.
 - 1. In worship we show our love to God (Matt. 22:37-40).
 - 2. Our worship should come from the heart (Psm. 51:16-17).
 - 3. Joel proclaimed the need to turn our hearts toward God (Joel 2:12-14).
 - B. All five acts of worship require worshipping “in spirit”.
 - 1. Praying involves the discussion of our heartfelt needs and desires.
 - 2. The Lord's Supper requires our hearts focusing on the death of and return of our Lord (1 Cor. 11:23-29).
 - 3. Giving is to be done as we have “purposed in our hearts” (2 Cor. 9:6-7).
 - 4. While we study/preach the Word of God we are opening our hearts to receive God's instruction (Acts 17:11).
 - 5. While singing, our hearts should be considering the words that we speak (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).
- II. True worshipers worship in truth.
 - A. In order to worship in truth, we must know what truth is (John 17:17).
 - B. Only worship that is authorized in God's Word is acceptable (Col. 3:17).
 - 1. Praying (1 Thess. 5:16).
 - 2. Observing the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7).
 - 3. Giving as we have prospered (1 Cor. 16:1-2).
 - 4. Studying/preaching God's Word (2 Tim. 4:2).
 - 5. Singing (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16)
 - C. This issue goes all the way back to Cain and Abel (Gen. 4:1-7).
 - 1. Abel's worship was accepted because it was done in faith (Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:4).
 - 2. Cain did not worship in faith, which means he did not worship in truth (Gen. 4:7).

Conclusion

- I. The discussion that Jesus had with the woman at the well shows us much that we should learn.
- II. Worshipping in spirit and in truth will keep us away from being false worshipers (Matt. 17:7-9; Col. 2:20-23; Acts 17:22-23).