

# **“Acceptable Worship”**

## **John 4:19-24**

### Introduction

- I. Not all attempts at worship are pleasing to God (Lev. 10:1-3; Isa. 29:13-14; Matt. 15:8-9; Col. 2:23).
- II. We must make sure that our worship is accepted by God, and not rejected by Him (John 4:24).

### Discussion

- I. In order to worship God acceptably, I must be a priest of God (1 Pet. 2:5, 9).
  - A. To become a priest, I must obey the Gospel (cf. 1 Pet. 2:10; Acts 10:34-35).
  - B. With Jesus as my High Priest, I can be assured that my worship will be accepted (Heb. 10:19-22).
- II. In order to worship God acceptably, I must worship in “spirit” (John 4:24).
  - A. Going through the motions of worship is not pleasing without the proper attitude (1 Cor. 11:27-29; Josh. 24:14; Titus 2:7).
  - B. Prophets explained the folly of such attempts at worship (Amos 5:21-24; Ezek. 33:31).
- III. In order to worship God acceptably, I must worship in “truth” (John 4:24; 17:17).
  - A. Worshiping in unauthorized ways is condemned (Col. 3:17).
  - B. It is my responsibility to search the New Testament and learn what God wants me to do in worship to Him (cf. John 5:39; 2 Tim. 2:15).
- IV. Acts of worship that are authorized for us today.
  - A. Singing (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; 1 Cor. 14:15).
  - B. Praying (Phil. 4:6; 1 Thess. 5:17).
  - C. Partaking of The Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-29; Acts 20:7).
  - D. Giving as we have prospered (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7).
  - E. Preaching and studying of God's Word (2 Tim. 4:2; Acts 17:11).

### Conclusion

- I. We should all want to worship God in an acceptable way.
- II. Each person should make sure that he is not blindly following, but rather he should examine what God has said in regard to worship.