

CrossRoads Baptist Church
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John 4: 19-24
Worship: Passion of God for God #7

“True Praise Proceeds from True Worship, Part III”

In the previous sermons, we have seen:

The two extremes in worship:

1. Samaritans – Spirit without truth
1. Jews – Truth without spirit

True worship marries spirit and truth.

So what does it mean to worship in spirit? I note that it's the human spirit.

1. It means to worship with your heart.
2. It means to worship with the Holy Spirit.
3. It means to worship in the freedom of the Spirit.

1. Truth

A. The truth is that worship is based on the person of Jesus Christ.

Our worship is based on truth and Jesus Christ said, “I am the way, the truth and the life.” Jesus is the incarnation of Truth. The word “truth” here is the same word as used in John 14: 6.

B. The truth is that worship that is obedient based on the Word of God.

Our worship is based on God's revelation to us in His Word. The truth and our obedience to truth is indispensable in our worship.

Genesis 22 is the first place where the word worship is mentioned in the Bible.

Love for God produced a Revelation of God that resulted in obedience to God that resulted in more love for God.

True worship is birthed in love and is based on revelation that results in obedience.

Must not make the traditions of men equal with word of God.

Our expressions of worship must not come because somebody else is doing it. It must come from our understanding of truth.

John 8: 32 “You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.”

“Truth without emotion produces dead orthodoxy and a church full of artificial admirers (like people who write generic anniversary cards for a living). On the other hand, emotion without truth produces empty frenzy and cultivates shallow people who refuse the discipline of rigorous thought. But true worship comes from people who are deeply emotional and who love deep and sound doctrine. Strong affections for God rooted in truth are the bone and marrow of Biblical worship.” John Piper

Ezra 7:10

1. Study it
2. Do it
3. Teach it

In closing, look at Ephesians 5:18 and Colossians 3:16. These two show that the end result of being filled with the spirit and letting the Word of God dwell in you are the same. Thus, the connection is seen of the Spirit and the Word of God just like Jesus said in John 4:24.