

Worship: The Ultimate Priority

John 4:20-26

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Worship means to give homage, honor, reverence, respect, adoration, praise and all glory to God!

WORSHIP IS ALL THAT WE ARE. WE ARE MADE BY HIM AND FOR HIM. WE EXIST FOR ONE REASON -TO REFLECT BACK TO GOD HIS GLORY IN ALL WE DO!

1. What does it mean to worship in Spirit and Truth?

- Without the heart there is no worship
- Without truth there is no depth to our worship

Worship is not merely an emotional exercise from music regardless of style that induce certain feelings. Worship is not merely emotions that are detached from any rational thought or biblical precept. True worship is a response of adoration and praise prompted by truth that God Has revealed.

“The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth” Psalm 145:18

John 12:1-7

- Mary worshipped from the depth of her love for Jesus and from her understanding of who she knew He was!
- We are huge on ministry but small on adoration.
- What you give God is infinitely more important than what you give man
- When we see our service to God as worship we bring glory to God

2. How to Have a Worshipping Spirit

1. We must be yielded to the Holy Spirit
2. Our thoughts must be centered on God
3. We must have undivided heart Psalm 86:11
4. We must be repentant Psalm 24:3-4

3. Preparing to Worship

- **Worship is a heart that is bubbling over with praise for God**

Hebrews 10:22, is a call to worship, it gives rich insight into what kind of preparation God expects from a worshiper:

“Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

- Sincerity
- Faith
- Humility
- Purity
- Thankfulness 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17
- Eliminate self