

WORSHIP

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Worship Defined

If you search the Old and New Testaments
you will find that worship is not defined.

Why is that?

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.

Present tense.....

Worship is present tense

There is freedom in worship

It is the way we were created to be!

An event

Worship is not necessarily an event.

It is not necessarily a place.

It is not always duplicated.

It is not drummed up.

It simply happens. Worship is not what we do.

It is us simply responding to His presence to His Spirit to His voice setting us free.

The Gospel of John

Two illustrations from the gospel of John help us to understand what worship is.

First, Nicodemus and Jesus

Second, the Samaritan woman at the well and Jesus

What are the common themes?

John 3:1-8

Nicodemus

Unless one is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God

Unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.

The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.

John 4:13-14

Jesus answered and said to her, whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.



What is Jesus saying?

What I have to give you is not natural.

What I have to give you will flow out of you to others.

Worship is the grandeur of God relating to His people.

John 4:21-22

Jesus said to her, Woman believe Me the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem worship the Father.

You worship what you do not know we know what we worship for salvation is of the Jews.

John 4:23-24

But the hour is coming and now is when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Old Testament

For the Jew life was centered on the Temple.

Where the people would go.

What the people would do.

Pay homage to someone.

It is what they always did, they were Jews.

Along came Jesus.....

God is Spirit

We all have a spirit. God is Spirit. Our spirits come alive in the presence of His Spirit.

To worship Him is to worship in the Spirit.

We can be real. We can be vulnerable.

We can trust. We can be healed. We can experience His presence. Living water can flow from us outward.



John 7:37-39

On the last day that great day of the feast Jesus stood and cried out saying, “If anyone thirsts let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me as the Scripture has said out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”



Worship could be this

It is about God approaching us to give us what we really want.

HIMSELF

Our greatest longing is to be with Him.
Basking in His presence. In His love.



John 4:26

Jesus said to her, I who speak to you am
He.

The way you are called to worship Him will
not violate who you are or the way He is.

It takes a risk to worship.

It was risky for the Samaritan women to talk
to a male Jew. It was risky for Jesus to
approach a female Samaritan.

Worship

What are you prepared to risk today?

Worship involves listening and hearing. It requires responding in His presence. It changes you from the inside out. Rivers will flow out of you.

The Father is seeking worshippers.