

THE WELL OF WORSHIP

John 4:21-24

Main Idea: We are to worship in spirit and truth.

Introduction – One-to-one conversations with Jesus in the Gospel of John

Jesus responds to the Samaritan woman's broaching the subject of worship in 3 ways
It is powerful instruction on worship, from the ONE TO BE WORSHIPPED

v 21 – The physical parameters of worship become irrelevant

HOW we worship is not as important as WHY we worship.

v 22 – Worship is not to be in ignorance

WHO or WHAT we worship is based on WHY we worship

vs 23-24 – True worship must be in spirit and truth

We can easily fall into “worship traps” like when worship is in...

- Observance and spectatorship – we watch
- Value and entertainment – we consume
- Emotion and opinion – we opine
- Solutions and therapy – we fix

Are we quick to repent from making worship all about us?

Worship in spirit

He's not referring to the Holy Spirit

He's not referring to our own spirits

He's not talking metaphorically

God is literally spirit (Gen 1:1, John 4:24)

To “worship in spirit” means a **preoccupation with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit**

Worship in truth

Truth is what is obvious, in the open

He's not talking about the specific truth about something

“What is truth?” is the question of the ages (Pilate to postmodernists)

Truth is the entirety of Scripture (Ps 119:160)

Truth is every word of Scripture (2 Sam 7:28)

Truth is the Living Word Himself (John 14:6)

To “worship in truth” means a **preoccupation with God’s Word, the Bible**

Conclusion

Jesus met the woman at a well

The heart is our wellspring of life (Prov 4:23)

When it comes to worship, when Jesus meets you at your well, your heart...

What will you and I draw out?

Will the wellspring produce worship in spirit and truth?