

**Oh Let Us Come and Worship the Lord (Part 1)**  
**The Person We Worship**  
(John 4:20-24)

**Introduction:** Worship is one of those activities every sincere Christian knows he ought to be doing, and even wants to do. But we're not always sure how to go about it. When it comes to worship God has some very clear things to say about who and how we should worship.

In this short series, I want us to not only to hear what God has to say about worship. But, I also want us to decide whether to obey or disobey what the Lord says when it comes to worship. And, I want us to be clear about which choice we have made. To do this, we must learn some essentials about worship. I want to share three things that will help us understand who we worship and lead us to be a church that celebrates the true worship of God according to His word.

**I. True worship is about a relationship and not religion: (v.20)** In our text, Jesus is speaking to a woman at a well...

**A. She was looking for bucket of water –**

But, the conversation quickly turns to religion. (vv. 17- 22)

**B. Jesus gives her a better answer –**

**C. Then, Jesus gives her a better understanding –** The focus of true worship is God, not just His name, but His person!

1. **We often say we go to church to worship,** but then our focus is not always on God.

2. **True worship is focused on the Father –** (Jn.1:12).

**II. True worship comes from our heart not just our heads or hands: (v. 23b)**

**A. True worship defined -** True worship of God is to ascribe the proper worth to God, to magnify His worthiness of praise, He is worthy of our praise!.

**B. True worship debated –**

1. **The debate for some is where do I worship?**

2. **The debate for others is, “So, why go to Church?”** (Rom. 12:1, 2; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; Heb 10:24-25)

**III. True worship must be done in Spirit and Truth: (v.23-24)**

1. **Before one can worship in Spirit,** (Jn14:17; 1 Cor 12:3)

**A. It is the Holy Spirit who reveals God** to us.

(Having the Holy Spirit in us does not guarantee that we will always worship God in spirit & truth, but it does mean we can).

1. **The spirit refers to the inner person, the immaterial part of you.**

2. **Jn.10:10 – When Jesus said I have come to give life.** He was talking about spiritual life.

**B. So, How do we get our spirit in gear?**

a. **It is the ministry of the Holy spirit to act as a liaison.** (1 Cor. 2:10-16)

b. **In addition to our thoughts, our mind must be centered on worshipping God –**

c. **Prayer is essential –** (Isa. 29:13; 1 thes.5:17)

d. **Meditation –** this is fixing your heart & mind on God.

e. **The balance of worshipping in spirit is to worship in truth.** We are to worship according to the truth of scripture. We only truly worship God when we do so as He is revealed in the Bible, not as we would like Him to be.

f. **That is why the core of a church service is the Word of God.**

1. Some people judge the service by: did the preacher sound good? Or, was the music all that? Did the choir jam?

2. But the real question ought to be, was my inner being exposed to and connected with God?

g. **One more issue -** If the word of God is to be our absolute authority, we must preach it, teach it, and obey it.

Look and listen one more time to the awesome statement Jesus made in (v.23) “...for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.”

God is looking for those who will make the decision truly worship Him, His way! That should be us!