

WORSHIP:

Expressing Our Honor and Affection for the Lord

I. In one conversation with a Samaritan woman, Jesus revealed what the true worship of God was going to look like for the next 2,000 years (John 4:19-24).

- A. We are the new temple of God in which the Spirit lives individually and corporately. We can worship at any time or place (I Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20).
- B. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life for anyone who wants to know God (John 14:6).
- C. Our whole life is a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1).
- D. Expressing honor and affection for Jesus with our words and songs, with body movements and instruments, and the artistic work of our hands is unique. It bears unusual fruit in our lives, especially when at least two or three gather together in Jesus' name (Matthew 18:18-19).

II. The benefits of worship

- A. Worship reveals to us the beauty and the favor of the Lord (Psalm 27:1-4).
- B. Worship causes the defeat of our enemies (Psalm 27:5-6; I Samuel 16:23; II Chronicles 20:18-23).
- C. Worship helps us to petition God for what we need (Psalm 27:7-12; Matthew 6:9-13).
- D. Worship renews our confidence and hope (Psalm 27:13-14).
- E. Worship comforts and restores us when we have failed or become distant from God (II Samuel 12:19-20).
- F. Worship is where we find a new heart for the truth (Psalm 51:10-12, 15-17).
- G. Worship helps us hear God's voice and direction for our lives (Acts 13:1-3; II Kings 3:14-16).
- H. Worship is directly connected to being filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:17-20; Psalm 100:1-4).

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