



Victory Wednesday Bible Study Series

Fighting the Good Fight

Principles of Faith for Living the Abundant Life

Week 3 – “To Worship You I Live...I Live to Worship You” – John 4:23-24

Introduction

Often as believers we confine worship to a prescribed set of activities, including singing, dancing, or praying usually during a church service on Sunday morning or a mid-week bible study service, like our Victory Wednesday's. If we're not careful, our worship can become programmed or routine, where we simply are going through the motions (**Matthew 15:8-9**). But Jesus said that those who truly worship, will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. (**John 4:23-24**). Let's explore tonight what it means to worship in spirit and in truth.

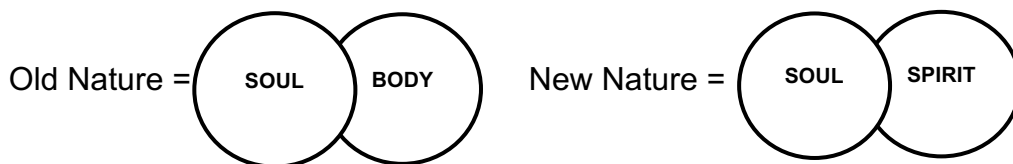
Worship In Spirit:

True worship must be “in spirit,” with the whole heart. Our worship of God in spirit is in direct relationship to our love for Him, in alignment with His indwelling Holy Spirit.

The bible teaches that “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.” **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**.

“...you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for me with your whole heart.” **Jeremiah 29:13**

Believers are body, soul, and spirit. With the body we relate to the world through our five senses. With the soul, the seat of our emotions, our intellect, and our will, we relate to one another; and with the Spirit we relate to God. When the soul (mind) is set on the things of the world, (flesh/body) it produces “the old nature” or “the old man.” However, when the mind is set on the Spirit produces the “new nature” or “new man” **Romans 8:5-9; Ephesians 4:22-24**



To worship God in spirit involves expressing outwardly an inward love and devotion to God, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Loving Him with heart, soul, mind and strength...with all our might. Unless there's a real passion for God, there is no worship in spirit.

Worship In Truth:

Worship in truth means aligning with God's Word and acknowledging who He is.

"And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes..." - **Ezekiel 36:27**

"Yours, O lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory..." - **I Chronicles 29:10-12**

The more we know about God, the more we appreciate Him. The more we appreciate Him, the deeper our worship. The deeper our worship, the more God is glorified.

Spirit and Truth are Both Necessary for God-Honoring Worship

Spirit without truth leads to a shallow, emotional experience that ultimately results in spiritual emptiness and malnutrition.

Truth without spirit can result in a passionless experience leading to a legalistic worship void of the presence of God and His power.

Class Activity

Check the boxes next to what you believe are acts of worship and discuss why:

Singing ☐ | Praying ☐ | Lifting Hands ☐ | Going to Work ☐

Dancing ☐ | Kneeling ☐ | Giving Tithes ☐ | Attending Class ☐

Clapping ☐ | Bowing ☐ | Visiting the Sick ☐ | Daily Choices ☐

Attributes of Worship

- Humility - "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up" **James 4:10**
- Surrender – "...Let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." **Luke 9:23**
- Obedience – "To obey is better than sacrifice." - **I Samuel 15:22**
- God Focused – "You shall worship the Lord Your God and Him only..." - **Luke 4:8**

Conclusion

Worship is more than an event – it's a lifestyle. It flows from the heart and is reflected in how we live, not just what we say or do in a service. God desires authentic worship – not just the outward actions, but inward devotion inspired by His Holy Spirit and aligned with His Word. True worship is reverent, humble, obedient, and God centered. It honors God not just for what he has done, but for who he is.

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