

## TRUE WORSHIP

### John 4:19-24

#### INTRODUCTION

- A. Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman.
  - 1. Worship is more than an act.
  - 2. It is not coming to a place nor conforming to traditional rules or rituals.
  - 3. Worship is an attitude toward the person or object of our love.
- B. Conversation turns to the worship of God.
  - 1. Jesus to the Samaritan woman, "*You worship what you do not know.*"
  - 2. Before one can truly worship God, we must understand God.
    - a. Jeremiah 9:23-24
    - b. John 17:3a

#### I. THE EXISTENCE OF GOD.

- A. This was no problem – the woman accepted the fact of God.
  - 1. Verse 20 – a confession of sorts of her belief in God.
- B. Only the fool would deny it, Ps. 53:1.

#### II. THE ESSENCE OF GOD.

- A. This was a problem – "*Our fathers worshipped in this mountain,*" vs. 20.
  - 1. She had made the same mistake of many [even today!].
  - 2. Had put God on the mountain and not possibly anywhere else.
  - 3. The Jews had a similar problem – the Tabernacle and the Temple.
- B. "*God is spirit.*" He is not in one place.
  - 1. Not material – not physical.
    - a. Colossians 1:15
    - b. 1 Timothy 6:16
  - 2. God transcends both time and space.
    - a. He is eternal.
    - b. He is not limited by physical barriers.
      - i. Jonah – in the belly of the fish (Jonah 2).
      - ii. Acts 17:24-25

#### III. THE ABSOLUTENESS [SOVEREIGNTY] OF GOD.

- A. Self-existent.
  - 1. Is not dependent upon the world, Ps. 50:7-15.
- B. Omnipresent – not limited to time nor space, Jer. 23:24.
- C. Omniscient – has absolute and perfect knowledge of the world order.
  - 1. 1 Cor. 1:25a
  - 2. Psalm 139:1-13 – He knows our thoughts.
  - 3. Hebrews 4:13 – Nothing escapes His notice.
- D. Omnipotent – all power in the universe has its source in God.
  - 1. We see Him through His creation, Romans 1:20.
  - 2. Psalm 100:3, "*Know that the Lord Himself is God. It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves.*"

#### **IV. THE CHARACTER OF GOD.**

- A. God is holy – separated from worldliness, Isa. 5:16; 1 Pet. 1:16.
- B. God is love, 1 John 4:8; Jn. 3:16.
- C. God is Righteous – this is seen in three ways.
  - 1. Faithfulness, 1 Cor. 1:9.
  - 2. Absolute purity – no sin or defect in Him, 1 John 1:5.
  - 3. Justice – judges all equally, Acts 10:34; James 1:17; Matt. 5:45
- D. God is truth, Psalm 117.
- E. God is unchanging, Mal. 3:6.

#### **CLOSING**

- A. In order to develop the right attitude and motive in worship to God, we must come to know God in the fullness of His nature.
- B. Focus on God is the basis for all worship!
- C. Do you know God?
  - 1. Do you have the right relationship with the Lord?
  - 2. Are we striving to please Him or ourselves?