

WORSHIP: TOWARD A DEFINITION &/ DESCRIPTION JN. 4:19-25

John 4:19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. **John 4:20** Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. **John 4:21** Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. **John 4:22** Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. **John 4:23** But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **John 4:24** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

What is worship?

1. Engaging with God upon the terms He alone establishes!

John 4:22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: **for salvation is of the Jews.**
We cannot discuss this in depth obviously....

Psalm 103:7 He made known his ways unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel.

1 Chronicles 15:13 For because ye did it not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.

Job 11:7 Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

1 Timothy 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; **1 Timothy 6:16** Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; **whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting.** Amen.

Thoughts:

- God **cannot** be known – by man's effort
- God **must** reveal Himself!
- God **has** revealed Himself!
- God has revealed Himself progressively and dispensationally (OT & NT)
- God has revealed Himself in Scripture

God sets the terms!

2. Engaging with God through the means He alone provides!

John 4:25 The woman saith unto him, I know that **Messias** cometh, which is called **Christ**: when he is come, he will tell us all things. **John 4:26** Jesus saith unto her, **I that speak unto thee am he.**

John 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, **If** thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

John 4:13 Jesus answered and said unto her, **Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:**

John 4:14 **But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never (οὐ μὴ) thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**

Walking into Toyota....

God Himself **sets** the terms

God Himself **provides** the means

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

Acts 4:12 **Neither** is there salvation in any other: for there is **none other** name under heaven given among men, whereby we **must** be saved.

Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, **but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.**

Hebrews 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest **by the blood of Jesus,**

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God....

3. Engaging with God with the results He alone prescribes and produces!

How do we know we have worshipped?

What does it feel like? What does it look like?

Think: Events & lifestyle

John 14:15 If ye love me, **keep** my commandments.

Mark 12:28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, **Which is the first commandment of all?** **Mark 12:29** And Jesus answered him, **The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: Mark 12:30** **And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. Mark 12:31** **And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.**

John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, **That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. John 13:35** **By** this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, **if** ye have love one to another.

Galatians 5:19 **Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these;** Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, **Galatians 5:20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, **Galatians 5:21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: **of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:22** **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Galatians 5:23** **Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.**

1 Peter 1:15 **But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 1 Peter 1:16** Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy.**

1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. **1 John 3:2** Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. **1 John 3:3** And every man that hath this hope in him **purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**

The results of worship:

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| Love for God & man | Special love for God's people | Obedience to God and His word |
| Christ - likeness | The fruit of the Spirit and not the works of the flesh | Confidence in God |
| Hope in God | Assurance | Peace of God |
| Love of God | Conviction | Confession |
| Sorry | Joy | Praise |
| Thanksgiving | | |

4. Engaging with God about the person He alone is!

Colossians 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have **the preeminence (πρωτεύων).**

[3 John 9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, **who loveth to have the preeminence (ὁ φιλοπρωτεύων)** among them, receiveth us not.]

Philippians 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Philippians 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; **Philippians 2:11** And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

1 Corinthians 2:2 **For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.**

Galatians 6:14 **But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.**