

**Worship in Spirit and Truth**  
**John 4:1-26**

- I. Worship Defined
  - a. “An act of reverence paid...to the Creator.”
  - b. It is not
    - i. Thoughtless words and deeds – They lack reverence.
    - ii. Purposeless words and deeds – They are not paid to the Creator.
    - iii. Actionless words – They are not acts.
    - iv. Words or actions not allowed by God – They do not revere God.
  - c. God is seeking worshipers that will worship him in spirit and truth.
- II. Worship in Spirit
  - a. This is the part of the human that expresses emotion, that has a thirst for something more, something higher.
    - i. Psalm 42:1-3
    - ii. This is the attitude we are to have in our worship to God.
      - 1. This type of thirst can only be filled by God: living water (John 4:14).
  - b. Worshipping in spirit is done with an attitude of gratitude for God.
    - i. Psalm 116
    - ii. Psalm 117
- III. Worship in Truth
  - a. If we are to please God, should our worship not be to His tastes?
  - b. How do we know how to please him with our worship?
    - i. Jesus prayed in the garden the night he was betrayed (John 17:17)
      - 1. We must use the Bible to dictate what our true worship should be.
        - a. Faith is necessary (James 2:26).
        - b. Hope is necessary (Acts 17:26-27).
        - c. Love is necessary (Ephesians 4:11-16).
          - i. Why meet together?
            - 1. For edification and worship as a group (See also Hebrews 10:19-25)
            - 2. We sing songs to one another (Ephesians 5:19-20; Colossians 3:16-17).
              - a. These involve teaching and admonition.
            - 3. We pray for one another (James 5:16).
            - 4. We assemble to break bread (Acts 20:7).
        - ii. Notice when we use the right attitudes in worship, the right actions follow suit!

**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. God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**