



Walking in Worship ~ Part 2

Description

‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.’ (John 4:19-20)

Yesterday, we learned three of the questions the samaritan woman was asking with this statement. She was asking: what is worship, how do I worship, and when do I worship? We were able to explore the answers to these three questions, but one very important question was left behind. Also, a very meaningful truth was not identified. So let me take a step back. I pray you will take the time to examine John 4:1-26 for yourself, as it does contain some beautiful words between Jesus and a woman who learned of His living water.

So what is the important question? Well, the question left behind is...

Where do I worship?

The samaritan woman had spoken of her ancestors going to a physical place to worship God and her concern was if she couldn't get there, was there another place to worship? The answer Jesus gave was brilliant! Jesus said,

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.” (John 4:23)

Jesus let her know that worship need not be in a physical place, it did however need to be a condition of the spirit. God cannot be held inside a temple. Acts 17:22 says,

“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands.”

God's seeks to be worshiped in spirit because He is spirit and He is truth. This is what defines the very

substance of His being. Even though Jesus continued to share the good news of not having to worship God in temples made by human hands, the samaritan woman still did not realize she was in the presence of the Messiah. This is where we run in to a tremendous truth. We come face to face with a reality we often see in our own lives.

Sure we go to God with our questions, but when He doesn't answer them like we hope He will, we go scurrying off and find something else to talk about. We find a detour. If we don't like what God comes up with, we find something that fits our ideals. Instead, we need to worship God in SPIRIT and in TRUTH. Conforming to His likeness and His desires for our lives.

After all is said and done, the conversation continues a little like our own.

The woman said, "I know the Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." (John 4:25)

Have you ever missed that sign that's right in front of you? The neon sign that says, "This is God's direction for you!" But you decide something else looks better, so you will wait for it. This woman was standing with Jesus, she had her dirty laundry aired out in John 4:7-18, Jesus offered her living water, He even shared the truth about worship. And she missed it all; every neon sign. She slid passed every single one! Just like us. We do it every day, but thankfully God doesn't give up. Just like Jesus didn't. Oh no, that's not the end of the story.

Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he." (John 4:26)

Jesus let His presence be known. He did not leave her with her questions. He let her know for sure who He was. Just like God does not leave you with a bunch of questions. He is always walking right beside you and longing for you to surrender in worship to Him. May you enjoy true worship with the heavenly Father every where you go today and every day. In the shower, in your car, on a walk, at work, at the coffee shop, pumping gas, getting groceries, etc. God wants to spend time with you in His presence all day long. Just take a step in His direction, He's waiting to walk in worship with you!

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you..." (John 4:8, KJV)

Dear Lord, please soften my heart and make me more tender to Your ways. Draw me ever closer to Your side and may I worship You with my whole soul, heart, and mind. I desire to be completely Yours wherever I am, at all times.

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