

WORSHIPING IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

John 4:23, 24

INTRODUCTION:

- A. God created us to give Him glory (Isa. 43:7). He is seeking our worship v.24.
- B. Worshiping God is the greatest spiritual act that a person can do. (Children need to learn this early).
- B. To properly give God glory we must worship Him in spirit and in truth v. 24.
 - 1. In spirit: the right attitude.
 - 2. In truth: doing the things in worship that God authorized.
- C. The acts of worship are: Prayer; singing, Lord's Supper, financial offering, and preaching. (All are found the book of 1 Corinthians).
- D. The preaching today will be describing the acts of worship.

I. WORSHIPING IN PRAYER.

- A. Jesus taught us to pray in Matt. 6:9-15. ("Our Father").
- B. The early church were people of prayer (Acts 2:42).
- C. Prayer is to be done with understanding (1 Cor. 14:15).
- D. In worship, we need to follow along with the one leading the prayer - concentrate. We are talking to God - the greatest Being. We will now be lead in prayer.

II. WORSHIPING IN SONG.

- A. In giving glory to God, we must give Him the fruit of our lips (Heb. 13:15).
- B. We are commanded to sing (Eph. 5:19). (Musical instruments came 600 later).
- C. We are to sing with spirit and understanding (1 Cor. 14:15).
- D. Let us give glory to God in our singing. Let us concentrate on the words and the meaning of the verse. Let us truly worship God.

III. WORSHIPING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER.

- A. The Lord's supper is a memorial - something to remind us of the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins. (1 Cor. 10:16).
- B. The early church observed it every first day of the week (Acts 20:7).
- C. It is to be done in seriousness of mind (1 Cor. 11:23-30).
- D. The Lord's Supper consist of:
 - 1. The unleavened bread.
 - a. It represents the sinless body of Jesus (Heb. 4:15).
 - b. He was made to be sin for us that we might be righteous (2 Cor. 5:21).
God wants us to remember this.
 - 2. The fruit of the vine (grape juice).
 - a. This represents Jesus blood that was shed on the cross for our sins (Mt. 26:28; 1 Cor. 11:25).
 - b. He was the Passover Lamb - the perfect sacrifice (1 Cor. 5:7).
 - c. Without Christ's death we have no hope of eternal life (Rom. 6:23). Cf. His love, Eph. 5:2; 1 Jn. 4:16.
 - d. God wants us to remember this in this memorial. Let us remember.

IV. WORSHIPING IN FINANCIAL GIVING

- A. An offering was taken every first day (1 Cor. 16:1, 2).
- B. Our offering is to be according to how we have prospered.
- C. It is to be purposed (2 Cor. 9:7).
- D. It is to be given freely not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.

E. As good stewards, let us give liberally. Let us glorify God in our offering.