

THE POWER AND JOY OF WORSHIP



John 4:21-24
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1. DON'T BE DECEIVED, KNOW WHO YOU ARE WORSHIPPING.

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews John 4:22

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." John 14:6

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Romans 10:9-10

2. EFFECTIVE WORSHIP BEGINS IN SPIRIT.

God is spirit and those who worship him must worship in spirit John 4:24

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Romans 8:14-16

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

3. MEANINGFUL WORSHIP CONTINUES IN TRUTH.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in truth John 4:24

If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8:31-32

Here's what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.

Matthew 6:6 (Msg)

4. GOD HIMSELF LOOKS FORWARD TO YOUR TIME OF WORSHIP.

The Father is seeking such people to worship him

John 4:23

I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you... You did not choose me, but I chose you. John 15:15-16

I don't want your sacrifices—I want your love; I don't want your offerings—I want you to know me. Hosea 6:6(LB)