True Worshipers

Ken Chapman · John 4:19–24

INTRODUCTION

- But we want to make sure that we don't allow that habit to lose its heart.
- But the hour is coming, and now is when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.
- His third point was that there would be a time in which God would be worshipped in truth and in spirit. We live at that time.

1 We Worship God in Truth

Hebrews 8:1–6; Hebrews 4:14–16; Galatians 4:9

- We worship God in truth. Our worship is true worship.
- True in the sense that it is full and unimpeded worship.
- The contrast is that one was a shadow, and one is the real image.
- Our worship is the real thing, not just a copy and a shadow.
- Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- Don't ever fall into the trap in the temptation of thinking, our worship's just too simple.

2 We Worship Him in Spirit

Hebrews 9:1–10; Jeremiah 31:31–34

- God is spirit, therefore he's to be worshipped spiritually.
- Notice the emphasis upon the physical nature of that old worship. And think about the contrast of the spiritual nature of our worship.
- It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered, which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience.
- The emphasis was the location, the physical, will not be emphasized anymore.
- While it is true that still today there are physical elements to our worship, it also must be recognized that the emphasis is not upon the physical, but upon the spiritual.
- A worship unlike any other worship that more closely and more beautifully reflects the worship that takes place before the throne in heaven.

3 Old Worship Versus True Worship

- I've termed this not old worship versus new worship, but old worship versus true worship.
- There's still a temple, but it's not that old copy of a temple, that old shadow of a tabernacle. It's our bodies. That's the true temple of God.
- Our prayers are the incense that go up before the altar of God.
- But we have the precious lamb of God.

- We use an instrument, but it's not an instrument that man made.
- It's the washing of the water and the blood. There is a spiritual transaction that takes place.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Don't let it become routine. Don't let this habit become a thoughtless habit. Know what we're doing this day.**

MY NOTES