

True Worship
John 4:21-24

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1. God commands us to worship Him. God not only commands us to worship Him, He designed us to worship.
2. Before looking at the text, a bit of background would be helpful.
 - a. John 4 is about the infamous “woman at the well.” **Verses 3-4** tells us that Jesus was “**back once more to Galilee. Now he had to go through Samaria.**” That’s a significant statement.
3. As we look at this text, we pick up at verse 21 with Jesus telling some things about worship.

I. God Seeks True Worshipers. John 4:21-23

- A. God is more interested in worship than we are!
 1. **Genesis 1:27**
 2. **Rev. 4:6-8**
- B. One of the things that strengthens Christians is worship.
 1. **Matt. 15:7-9**
 2. Worship is not significant to Christian growth because of the feelings it produces.
- C. Worship is the result of the way we see God.

II. Jesus Deals With Two Problems That Hinder Worship. John 4:15

- A. First, our sins hinder worship.
 1. **Psalm 24:3**
 2. We will not experience the depth of worship until we confess our sins.
- B. Second, our traditions hinder worship. **John 4:20**

III. Three Principles That Help True Worship.

- A. First, true worship is spiritual and not spatial.
 1. The woman at the well thought that worship was centered on a place.
 2. **John 4:21**
- B. Second, true worship is a balance of spirit and truth.
 1. **John 4:23-24**
- C. Third, true worship is focused on the Father.