

Worship In The Presence Of Jesus
John 20:19-20

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1. God commands us to worship Him. God not only commands us to worship Him, He designed us to worship Him.
2. The reason God created us is that we might worship Him. We were created for His pleasure.
3. If God created us to worship Him and He commands us to worship Him, then to worship Him is to fulfill our purpose in life.
4. Before we dig into those main points, a bit of background would be helpful.
5. Our text in verse 21 has Jesus telling us some things about worship.

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

- A. God is more interested in worship than we are!
 1. **(Revelation 4:6-8)**
- B. One of the things that strengthens Christians is worship.
 1. **You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men." Matthew 15:7-9**
- C. Worship is the result of the way we see God.

II. Jesus Deals With Two Problems That Hinder Worship. John 4:15-16

- A. First, our sins hinder worship.
 1. **"Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false." Psalm 24:3-4**
- B. Second, our traditions hinder true worship. **John 4:20**

III. Three Principles That Help True Worship. John 4:23-24

- A. First, true worship is spiritual and not geographical.
- B. Second, true worship is a balance of spirit and truth.
- C. Third, true worship is focused on the Father.