

## LESSON #19 WORSHIP

**TEXT: John 4:19-26**

### INTRODUCTION:

On a Sunday morning many people will enter a church building with a certain name over the door, go through a certain form, ritual, or program in worship to God.

Others of them will enter another building a few doors away, over which is another name, and they go through a different form or ritual.

Still others go elsewhere and so on and on it goes ...

Then there is the group that meets under another name on Saturday

Each time we open our Bibles the words of Jesus in **John 4:24** are still there, '**God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**'

When should we worship God? How should we worship Him? Does it really matter? good questions that need answers.

Let's go to the Bible and find our answer.

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We all worship something or someone. The word "worship" is defined in W. E. Vine's Dictionary. of New Testament Words as "to make obeisance, do reverence to. It is an act of homage or reverence."

### I. THE LORD'S DAY (Revelation 1:10)

#### A. What day is it?

##### 1. The Sabbath? No!

a. The Sabbath was given to the Jews because of deliverance from Egypt (**Deuteronomy 5:15; Exodus 20:8; Exodus 34:21; Exodus 35:3**).

b. God said it would cease (**Hosea 2:11**).

c. Paul said it did cease with the crucifixion of Christ, with the Law nailed to the Cross (**Colossians 2:13-17**).

B. The first day of the week is the Lord's Day.

1. The day of the resurrection (**John 20:1**).
2. Jesus met with His disciples on this day (**John 20:19-26**).
3. Church established on that day (**Acts 2:1-4**). Pentecost always came on the first day of the week (**Leviticus 23:5**).
4. Churches worshipped on the first day (**Acts 20:7**), laid by in common (**I Corinthians 16:1, 2**).

## **II. FIVE KINDS OF WORSHIP MENTIONED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

- A. Vain..... (**Matthew 15:9**)
- B. Ignorant .....(**Acts 17-.23**)
- C. Will .....(**Colossians 2:23**)
- D. Mock..... (**Mark 15:19, 20**)
- E. True .....(**John 4:24**)

## **III. THE SPIRIT OF WORSHIP (John 4:24)**

The spirit signifies a heart worship rather than a mechanical formality.

- A. Worship with grace in your hearts (**Colossians 3:16**).
- B. Making melody with your hearts (**Ephesians 5:19**).
- C. Praying with spirit and understanding (**I Corinthians 14:15**).
- D. Our hearts must be in our worship (**Matthew 15:7**).

## **IV. THE TRUTH OF WORSHIP (John 4:24)**

- A. Lord's Supper - **Acts 20:7**
- B. Singing - **Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19**
- C. Prayer - **Acts 2:42; 1 Timothy 2:1, 8**
- D. Giving - **I Corinthians 16:1**
- E. Preaching - **Acts 20:7**

A corruption of this plan of worship by changing the day, spirit, or item of worship furnished by Scriptures, means the destruction of the identity of the Church as God would have it.

**V. THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY IN THIS WORSHIP (Acts 2:47).**

A. Christians admonished not to neglect assembly of saints (Hebrews 10:25).

**VI. DOES IT REALLY MATTER?**

A. **Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:5; Revelation 22:18,19**

B. **John 8:31, 32** - You can know the truth.

It is attainable and it is actual.

**C. THIS IS THE KIND OF WORSHIP GOD DESIRES!**