

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for May 29-30, 2004

"Worshipping God in Truth"

John 4:24-26

The passage that we have been examining records for us Christ's interaction with a Samaritan woman (John 4:1-26).

We have examined the request that Christ made of this Samaritan woman in John 4:1-9.

We have examined the offer that Christ made to this Samaritan woman in John 4:10-14.

We have examined Christ's insight into the Samaritan woman's encounters with various men (John 4:15-19).

We have begun to examine the instruction Christ gave to the Samaritan woman about worship (John 4:20-26).

True worshipers are not necessarily those who go to a particular worship site but rather those who worship God in spirit and truth.

When Jesus spoke of worshipping in spirit, He was talking about the human spirit. Jesus wants us to know that worship must be sincere and not just simply lip service.

Worshipping God "in truth" means that those who are worshipping God must be truly seeking to live lives consistent with God's Word.

Worshipping God in spirit and worshipping God in truth cannot be done separately.

God is seeking the people whom He chose before the foundation of the world to offer up praise and worship to Him.

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Since God is Spirit and therefore unseen, that is where true worship must originate. It must originate in the unseen recesses of our heart.

Christ's instruction concerning the true nature of worship strengthened the Samaritan woman's Messianic speculation.

The Samaritan woman, in John 4:25, is in effect saying, "If you are the Messiah disclose it."

"As Thou didst send Me into the world, I have also sent them into the world" (John 17:18).