

OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

JOHN 4:15-26

JOHN 4

⁷ There *came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus *said to her, “Give Me a drink.” ⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. ⁹ Therefore the Samaritan woman *said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

JOHN 4b

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew **the gift of God**, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and **He would have given you living water.**” ¹¹ She *said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water? ¹² You are not **greater than** our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?”

JOHN 4c

¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him **shall never thirst**; but the water that I will give him will **become in him a well of water** springing up to eternal life.”

JOHN 4d

¹⁵ The woman *said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw.” ¹⁶ He *said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.” ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, “**I have no husband.**” Jesus *said to her, “You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.”

JOHN 4e

¹⁹ The woman *said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that **You are a prophet.** ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and *you people say* that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”

²¹ Jesus *said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when **neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem** will you worship the Father.

JOHN 4g

25 The woman *said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, **He will declare all things to us.**”

26 Jesus *said to her, “**I who speak to you am *He*.**”

JOHN 4f

22 You worship **what you do not know**; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. 24 **God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.**”

WHO DECIDES HOW WE ARE TO WORSHIP? 'He will Declare..'

- **Worship is not about location**
- **Worship is not about myths and fantasy**
- **Worship is not with the physical**
- **What do our spirits use, to worship?**
 - **God is spirit**
 - **We use spirit,**
 - **setting our minds on spiritual**
 - **We use truth,**
 - **setting our minds on realities**

PSALM 51

15 O Lord, open my lips,
That my mouth may declare Your praise.

16 For **You do not delight in sacrifice,**
otherwise I would give it;

You are not pleased with burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are **a broken
spirit;**

A broken and a contrite heart, O God,
You will not despise.

1 SAMUEL 15

22 Samuel said, “ Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in **obeying the voice of the Lord?** Behold, to **obey is better than sacrifice,** And **to heed than the fat of rams.**

23 “For rebellion is as the sin of divination,
And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry.

THE “ACT” OF WORSHIP

Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Romans 6:¹³ and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

Michael Morrison

“Now let’s look at the biblical words. In both Hebrew and Greek, there are two major kinds of words for worship. **The first kind means to bow down**, to kneel, to put one’s face down as an act of respect and submission. Our body language is saying, I will do whatever you want me to. I am ready to listen to your instructions and I am willing to obey. **The other kind of biblical word means to serve**. Roughly half of the time these words are translated as worship, and the other half as serve. It carries the idea of doing something for God — **making a sacrifice** or *(in order to)* carrying out his instructions.”

ROMANS 6

19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For **just as you presented** your members as **slaves to impurity** and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness, so **now present your members as slaves to righteousness**, resulting in sanctification.