True Worshippers

Tony Mauck · John 4:23–24

INTRODUCTION

- The worship of God and serving him is reasonable. It's logical, it's good.
- The main point of the text is that it's not about mountains. It's not about place.
- True worship involves inward devotion of the mind from the spirit or heart of man. We must yield to God from our hearts.

1 Not Me Centered, but God Centered

Hebrews 10:24; Ephesians 5:19

- If we would offer an acceptable sacrifice of praise to God, when we come into this place, or whenever we worship, it is not me centered. It is God centered.
- Worship is about Him. It is only secondarily about us.
- Worship, when properly done, gets the focus off of me.
- Every occasion when we take the focus of ourselves and place it upon God and others, that's good for us.
- The object of my worship is God. I'm here to stimulate others.

2 Not Feeling Seeking, but God Seeking

John 4:24

- True worship is not feeling seeking, but God seeking.
- I think feelings do result, but that's not why we've come. That's a byproduct.
- The motivation is not selfish, what I get out of it. It is a selfless expression.
- God is spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

3 Not Physically Focused, but Spiritually Focused

- We can get very focused on people, on things, our surroundings, our comfortable pew.
- What we absolutely need to do to worship God in spirit and truth is we need to be spiritually focused.
- Don't let the physical trappings of worship interfere with your vertical praise and adoration to the living God.

4 Not Obligation Done, but Gratitude Rendered

- One of the greatest pitfalls that plagues the Lord's people is we start looking at worship as something to check off our list.
- I'm not here because of some kind of obligation. I'm here to thank God for the fact that He has saved me and has promised me glory.

- This is about me overflowing with gratitude to God.

5 Not an Accomplished End: A Means to Being More Holy

- These spiritual acts of worship are designed for me to go out there and to be recharged in living a spiritual life unto God to be holy as He has called us to be holy.
- We are to be His vessels.
- One of the major reasons why worship is less to us than it should be, is that we struggle to see ourselves as his vessels.
- I am here because I am one of his vessels. I'm here to be used by my God and Maker.
- It causes me to be godly. It assists me to be God focused in my life.

THE CHALLENGE

If there's someone in this audience this morning who needs to respond to the invitation, the very real invitation of our Lord, come now.

MY NOTES