

## Worship -Pt 3 The true worshippers- worship God in spirit and truth

This is our third study on the topic of worship. In our previous teaching we established three points - (I) when the wise men saw the young child Jesus they worshipped Him, (ii) the devil tempted Jesus to fall down and worship him, and (iii) Jesus told those whom He healed that He was the SOG- those that believed- worshipped Him. In this study we establish three points- (I) the lost turn to God from idols to serve (worship) the living and true God, (ii) some think they worship God but worship and serve the creature more than the Creator, and (iii) today- we are the circumcision, who worship God in spirit and truth.

A little more detail on our three points-

### 1. The lost turn to God from idols to serve (worship) the living and true God

For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God" (1 Thes.1: 9).

### 2. Whereas, some think they worship God, they worship and serve the creature more than the Creator

"Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever..." (Rom.1: 25)

### 3. Today- we are the circumcision, who worship God in spirit and truth

"For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit,." (Phil.3: 3)- CF- Jn. 4: 23, 24- [23] But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

[24] God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

#### Illustration

There are no doubt many extremes of worship in the church today-

Those whose focus is solely on worshipping Jesus Christ, those who have moved away and worship angels (contrary to Col.2: 18), and those who use music bands, not just spiritual songs, or instruments like David used "David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps...timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets" (1 Chr.13: 8). Not all worship in truth!

#### Questions of the scriptures God

i) Do we worship God in truth today by abandoning all worship of the Father, and only worshipping Jesus?

#### Answers from the scriptures

In one sense - when we worship the Lord Jesus Christ we worship the Father (Jn. 10:29-30). In another sense Paul taught the church that there is one true God- in the form of a Godhead (Rom.1: 20 & Col.2: 9)- Father, Son and Spirit, "and these three are one" (1 Jn.5: 7).

And it is **through** the Lord Jesus (him) that we have access by one Spirit unto the Father

"For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father" (Eph.2:18).

And we have received the Spirit of adoption, and cry Abba Father

[14] For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

[15] For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. (Rom.8: 14, 15).

\* God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts crying Abba, Father

"And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father" (Gal. 4: 6).

Therefore, we if we abandon the worship of our heavenly Father, we do not worship God in truth.

Let us worship God in spirit and truth. We do so when we worship- the Father by the Spirit, through the Lord Jesus His Son. And may we do so with all of our heart, to the glory of God! Amen!