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"True Worship"

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Scripture - St. John 4:19-24

Text: - St. John 19: 24.

Sub: - We have come today to worship. We have as aids to worship, music, the reading of scripture, ^{prayer} the meditation. It is not sufficient for us to merely engage in these, for if I interpret Jesus words properly, we may do all these and yet not worship.

I. God is a Spirit. -

1. Has no body and is therefore not limited to one place. He needs no temple or house to live in.
2. God is a spirit - therefore he manifests himself to the spirit of man, to his conscience to his will. -
3. God seeks not to be worshipped by outward forms, but in spirit. -
4. To worship in spirit then is - To yield our spirits to those unseen influences which we recognize as divine. -

a. This may lead us to
con-fession of sin. To
Confession of our need
of divine help.

b. To offer ourselves to him
for service, etc.

worship in spirit needs no
words, no appointed place, but
only a human soul that
turns inwardly before God and
humbly submits to his will.
no matter what we do, if our
souls are not engaged in it,
it is not worship at all.

II. In Truth:-

1. Reality - giving themselves
to God.
2. Accuracy.

1. no longer symbolic - but
real - no longer sacrifice,
burnt offerings, candles, but
a giving of ourselves to God.
Objects to symbolize prayer, saints,
but to offer prayer from humble
hearts.

Jesus - When we worship there he
manifests himself to us.