

God Is Looking For People Who Will Worship Him In Spirit And Truth

John 4:23 says [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.](#)

What exactly does it mean to worship God “in spirit and in truth”? To answer that let’s go to Josh 24:14 [Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in **sincerity and in truth**: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood ... and serve ye the Lord.](#)

So first God wants us to worship Him in spirit, that is, sincerely, with the right attitude, with the right motivation – to please God. Suppose a 20 year old young man is going to church and doing all the right things, but he is doing all that just to try to impress a pretty young lady. He may be worshipping the way God has specified, but he is not doing it for the right reason.

What about worshipping God in truth? In John 17:17 Jesus said [“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”](#) So worshipping God in truth means worshipping God the way He has instructed us in his word. It is not enough just to be sincere and worship God. We need to pay attention to how He has asked us to worship Him.

Evidently Nadab and Abihu were not careful in this regard. Lev 10:1-2 says [“And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.”](#) They were worshipping God, but not how God specified according to their OT law. And God was obviously very displeased.

For us “in truth” would mean serving God the way He has specified in the New Testament. And let’s reemphasize the part in John 4:23 that says [“the Father seeketh such to worship him.”](#) God is looking for folks who will worship him in spirit and in truth. All kinds of people think they are serving God, but they are doing it according to their own dictates. They don’t really think it matters that God’s word is followed carefully. As long as someone is sincere, they think that is good enough. But those people are of no consequence to God regarding whom He is going to save. He is looking for those who will [“serve him in sincerity and in truth”](#) (Josh 24:14, John 4:23), not those who will serve Him according to their own dictates..

For example, He is not looking for believers who go along with:

- Gay Marriage – I Cor 6:9-10 [Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers. Neither **homosexuals**, nor **sodomites**, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, will inherit the kingdom of God.](#) (NKJV)
- Women Preachers – I Cor 14:34-35 [Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.](#)
- Sprinkling babies for baptism:
Acts 8:35-37 [Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.](#)
Rom 6:4 [Therefore we are **buried** with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.](#)
- Divorce And Remarriage – Matt 19:9 [And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.](#)

Remember, God is only looking for those who will serve Him in truth, so those who are part of churches that don't stand for the truth will be left out in the cold. John 8:31-32 "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."