

Text: The true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth" John 4.23

Subject: Worship

REALTIES: SPACE AND TIME

SPACE

Created by God in six days

- **Geography**
- **Things**
- **Mountains and rivers**
- **Subdue and tame nature**
- **Exercise of Creativity and Power**
- **Capacity to build, hold, use and abuse**
- **We have become preoccupied with item in space and often t sanctify them as gods. (Koran) It's desecration led followers to riot and many died. So much worship was assigned that it became a shrine – so important that the IDEA or TEACHINGS of the holy book was consigned to oblivion.**
- **Things of SPACE are at the mercy of humankind.**
- **In SPACE man is measured by cultural values.**
- **If man can fashion, man can confine – then it SPACE – its is but a Shadow of man.**
- **In SPACE – Things tyrannizing all our thoughts – House – Money – Cars – World Trade Center (Capitalism)**
- **REALITY TO US A THING – BLINDS US – ANOTHER REALITY**

The Power of SPACE abruptly Terminates at the borderline of TIME

TIME

- God does not reside in SPACE BUT IN the reality of TIME. *Our Souls are created in TIME* *Spiritual Salvation's history -*
- We must experiences both realities - *- God -*
- In time, the goal is not to have but to be - *- Christ*
- In time, the goal is not to own but to give - *- Eternity*
- In time, the goal is not to control but to share -
- In time the goal is not to subdue, but to share -

Time serves as an Umbrella for Providential Arrangement

- In the *fullness of time* - God sent His Son Jesus
- Time is a measured Gift with potential for unlimited benefits - We can only master time in time.
- Spiritual life begins when time is sanctified in your life *released* *releases you* from the bondage of things, family and friends. *Baptism*
- No need to escape - *Something We Hold -*

In creation God made provisions for Holy Time *For Us*
To worship is to experience a different Reality - Isaiah

Wrapped up in TIME
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Isaiah - Holy, Holy, Holy - Woe is me, I am Undone -

Isaiah 6.5 (unclean lips)

Call and Promise

It is to know, to feel, to experience the resurrected Christ
in the midst of the gathered community.

God is actively seeking worshipers.

- ✓ It is God who seeks, draws, persuades.
- ✓ Worship is the human response to a divine initiative.
- ✓ In Genesis, God walked in the garden, seeking out Adam and Eve.
- ✓ In the crucifixion, Jesus states that if I be lifted up, I will draw all unto me.
- ✓ Scripture is replete with examples of God's efforts to initiate, to restore, and maintain a fellowship with his children.
- ✓ God is like the prodigal son who upon seeing his son a long way off, rushed to welcome him home.

THEREFORE

Worship is our response to the overtures of love from the heart of God.

Worship's central reality is found in:

Spirit and Truth'

It burns in us when the spirit of God touches our human spirit.

- **Forms and rituals do not produce Worship, nor does the disuse of forms and rituals.**
- **We can use all the right techniques and methods'**
- **We can have the best possible liturgy and Hammond organ, ^{But} but we have not worshiped the Lord until Spirit touches Spirit. We must set our spirits free in order to worship.**
- **Until God touches and frees our spirit, we cannot enter this realm.**

- Singing, praying, praising all may lead to worship, but worship is more than any of them. Our spirit must be ignited by the Divine fire. Pentecost

- Slaves - *Every Time I Feel* - I worship
- Moses - *Burning bush*
- Pentecost

Let us not be overly concerned with the question of correct worship.

- No where does the New Testament prescribe a particular form of worship. In fact, what we find is a when the His Spirit touches our spirit, forms are secondary.
- Forms are like 'wineskins' that embody our worship experience.
- We are free in Christ to use whatever form of worship
- We worship the Lord not only because of:
Who He is but also because of What He Has Done - Do I Have a Witness?

what he has done. We thank Him for what he has

done.

SPACE - FORGERIES OF HAPPINESS

TIME - JESUS DIED THAT WE MIGHT HAVE TIME WITH

GOD Worship