



Sermon Guide | 11/18/2023 | And Worship Him

Join us **tomorrow, Sunday (11/19/2023) at 7 PM** on Zoom to dive deeper into today’s message. You can use the link <https://zoom.us/j/285038684> or call 312.626.6799 and enter the ID 285 038 684 to be a part of the discussion.

Text: John 4:23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

Reference verses: John 4:5-24

1. Why does Jesus’ request for water from the Samaritan woman provide deep insights into the question of “What is worship?”

Defining Worship

2. How do the following words define worship?

שָׁחָה [shachah] _____

προσκυνέω [proskuneo] _____

weorthscipe _____

“Brethren, unless you educate yourselves to respect the place of devotion, you will receive no blessing from God. You may worship Him in form, but there will be no spiritual service.”

— Ellen White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, 608.

“Going to church no more makes you a Christian than standing in a garage makes you a car.”

— Garrison Keillor

3. How do Ellen White’s and Garrison Keillor’s thoughts complement one another in defining worship?

Practicing Worship

Reference verses: Revelation 5:8-14; Genesis 22:1-14

4. In practicing worship, what practical lessons do the above verses provide in aiding your understanding of how you approach worship?



“It is important to remember that every act of praise is a strong act of negation as well as affirmation. Every time we sing praise to the triune God, we are asserting our opposition to anything that would attempt to stand in God’s place. Every hymn of praise is a little anti-idolatry campaign ... When we sing ‘Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,’ we are also saying ‘Down with the gods from whom no blessings flow.’” — John Witvliet, *A More Profound Alleluia*

5. Reflecting on John Witvliet’s quote above, in what other ways besides singing does practicing worship provide a protest against the idolatry of this world?

Experiencing Worship

Reference verses: Exodus 20:2-17; Mark 12:29-31

6. How are the Ten Commandments experienced through worship?

Reference verses: John 4:13-15; 25-26; 28-30; 39-42

“We must live for Christ minute by minute, hour by hour, and day by day; then Christ will dwell in us, and when we meet together, His love will be in our hearts, welling up like a spring in the desert, refreshing all, and making those who are ready to perish, eager to drink of the waters of life.” — Ellen White, *Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5, 609.*

“The Lord desires His children to take comfort in His service...He desires that those who come to worship Him shall carry away with them precious thoughts of His care and love, that they may be cheered in all the employments of daily life, that they may have grace to deal honestly and faithfully in all things.” — Ellen White, *Steps to Christ, 103.*

Romans 12:1 So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life — your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life — and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. — *The Message*

7. Return to the story of the woman at the well. How do Ellen White’s thoughts, the paraphrase of Romans 12:1, and the Samaritan woman’s worship experience with Jesus impact your ideas of experiencing worship?
