

Devoted to WORSHIP (John 4.24)

I. Introduction —

- A. From nearly the beginning, _____ has been part of an acceptable relationship with God. (Genesis 4.3-4a; 8.20-21a; 12.7-8; 13.18; 22.1-3a; Job 1.5)
1. But worship according to His _____. (Genesis 4.4b-5a; Hebrews 11.4; Genesis 8.20; 22.2; Exodus 3.1-5; 20.1-5a; 23.14-19a; Exodus 25-31; Leviticus)
 2. And there have been _____ for violating those standards. (Genesis 4.4b-5; Exodus 20.5b; Leviticus 10.1-3; Numbers 20.8-13; 1 Samuel 13.8-14; Isaiah 1.1-4, 10-15; Malachi 1.6-14)
- B. And in these fundamental ways, _____ has changed...

II. John 4.19-24

- A. The _____ of our worship (v 21, 23, 24; Isaiah 40.12-31)
- B. The _____ of our worship. (v 23, 24)
1. _____ and _____ worship. (Hebrews 9.1-10)
 2. Not what appeals to the carnal senses, but what engages the spirit of man.
 3. Not the shadow or figure, but the substance that belongs to Christ. (Hebrews 9.9; 10.1)

III. So what does that mean for us?

- A. Not all “worship” is *truly* acceptable “worship” —
1. _____ worship. (Matthew 15.9)
 2. _____ worship. (Acts 17.23)

3. _____ worship (KJV). (Colossians 2.23
– “self-imposed...” NKJV, “self-made religion” NASB, ESV)

B. Truly acceptable worship engages...

1. Our _____. (Colossians 2.23; Malachi 1.6-14)

2. Our _____. (Matthew 15.9; Colossians 3.16)

3. Our _____. (Colossians 3.17; Hebrews 12.28-29)

C. Beware of _____.(Galatians 4.9-11)

D. *“But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father _____ to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”* (John 4.23-24)