

A Series on Worship
Part 6: New Covenant Worship
John 4:23-24

Question: Is there a difference between Old Testament and New Testament worship?

Main Point: New Covenant worship is a truthful, heartfelt lifestyle of faith in Christ.

“Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.”

Hebrews 9:15

The starting point of worship is a calling from God, redemption and the promise of eternal life.

Point One: New Covenant worship is not bound to a specific time or location.

“And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb.”

Revelation 21:22

In the New Covenant, there is no longer need for the Levitical priest or the temple- we are the temple!

Point Two: New Covenant worship is something that God is seeking for Himself.

“...for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.”

John 4:23

The true worship God is seeking are people who are born from above, born of the Spirit.

Point Three: New Covenant worship is only done through the Holy Spirit.

“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

John 4:24

“What makes worship worship is what happens ‘in spirit and truth’- with or without a place and with or without forms.”

-John Piper

“In spirit”- an inward, personal, spiritual event in conjunction with the Holy Spirit, not an outward, bodily event.

“In truth”- worship as a response to the true views of who God is as proclaimed in His Word.

This is the essence of worship: to live our lives in a way to reflect our love and joy in Jesus Christ anytime, anyplace with anyone.

In other words...

A Life Defined by Faith...Everyday

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Next Sunday: Portraits of Christmas- Joseph