

1. How Should We Worship God? [in traditional, contemporary, both, emerging styles, or what?]

(A) If you know how to worship God, then please write your answer below.

2. How Did Jesus Say We Should Worship God?

(A) Read [John 4:20-24](#), and then fill in the blanks below (specifically use vs. 24).

“those who worship Him **must** worship in”... _____ “and”... _____

3. God Will Only Recognize a Certain Type of Worshiper

(A) Jesus foretold that He would not recognize, but ignore and reject “many” worshipers on Judgment Day ([Mt 7:22](#)), saying to them, “I never **knew** you; depart” ([Mt 7:23](#)). As He told the woman at the well, “an hour is coming, and now is, when the **true worshipers** will worship the Father **in spirit and truth**; for such people the Father **seeks** to be His worshipers” ([Jn 4:23](#)). God is only seeking a certain type of worshiper, a true type who worships in spirit and truth.

1. So, what does or doesn’t it mean to worship the Father “in spirit”?

2. What does or doesn’t it mean to worship the Father “in... truth”?

ANSWER

BEFORE you read the answer below, first write your answers to the questions to the left.

Clearly, & without a doubt, there is only one true way to worship God, “in Spirit and truth” ([Jn 4:20-24](#)). As Jesus said about the Father, you “**must** worship Him in spirit and truth” ([Jn 4:24](#)). We *have* to worship God in this way. Jesus requires it. So you cannot worship in the way that you yourself prefer or like, but in the way that God prefers & likes, if you want to be sought out by Him, if you want to be recognized by Him on Judgment Day, not ignored ([Jn 4:23](#); [Mt 7:23](#)).

How do you worship God?

The way to worship God is in spirit & truth. Not in so called ‘traditional’ or ‘contemporary’. Not in emerging worship styles. Not in culturally acceptable ways. Not in emotionalism & entertainment. Not in unintelligible ecstatic utterances. Not in Mosaic or Davidic. Not in the Law & the Prophets. Not in unregulated or freestyle. Not in any way we want or choose. Not in the arts or sciences. Not in Mary and the saints. Not in the ways of the world or in its wisdom. Not in classical or fresh ways. Not in so called ‘conservative’ or ‘liberal’, etc. But what does it mean to worship “in spirit”? In what type of spirit are we to worship God? Obviously, we are to be a people of the Holy Spirit, not an unholy spirit because our God is the Holy Spirit ([Jn 4:24](#)). So when Jesus said that worshipers have to worship God “in spirit” to be considered true worshipers, He meant for them to worship God in the spirit of holiness. The spirit of holiness is sinless, sanctified, set apart, pure, and undefiled. The opposite of this is worshiping God “in flesh”, meaning unholy, worldly, earthly, natural, carnal, sinful, fleshly, sensual, profane, demonic, and defiled. Now the opposite of truth is error. Truly, truly, *many* worship God not in spirit & truth, but in flesh and in error—by misunderstanding who God is & how to properly obey the gospel [the DBR] to be saved, by carrying around logs of sin, by singing sensual vs. spiritual music in church, by deviating from the divine regulations of Christian worship, by not understanding how to minister Christ’s gifts, by living an unholy lifestyle, by taking the male gender out of the Bible, by worshiping God through a covenant or will in the Bible that is no longer in effect, by teaching the traditions of men vs. the commands of Christ, and by much, much more than can be exposed in this tract. Yet we must not take the spirit & the truth out of our worship. Were you ever properly taught the true meaning of Christian worship and your obligation & responsibility to perform it? Don’t wait to learn more about these things. Complete the advanced Bible study on Christian worship from [FreeBibleSchool.org](#) - or - [FreeBibleStudy.org](#)
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"I honestly didn't know
that contemporary
worship was in the
flesh... this was never
taught in our church,
and I never heard it
before. It makes A LOT
of sense though."

-- Abigail, Pennsylvania

I learned... "exactly
how I am to truly wor-
ship in spirit." I will be...
"listening closely to
the songs and music
to make sure it is the
right way in which to
worship God."

-- Joslyn, Virginia

"such people the Father
seeks to be His wor-
shippers" Jn 4:23

The kind of worshiper God recognizes vs.
ignores (READ Mt 7:21-23).

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