

Worship – Pt 2 Worship God in spirit and truth!

In our previous study we established the meaning the word “worship”, and for Israel to worship they (i) served, (ii) bowed down, (ii) confessed, and iv) sang praises with gladness. In this our second study on worship we establish (1) The Father seeks those who will worship Him in spirit and truth, (2) in Jesus’ day the circumcision worshipped Jesus in truth as the Son of God, and (3) today we are the circumcision which worship God in spirit, rejoicing in Christ and have no confidence in the flesh.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded

1. The Father seeks those who worship Him in spirit and truth.

“But the hour...now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” (Jn 4: 23 & 24).

Hence, if we are not born of the Spirit of God we cannot worship the Father in spirit nor truth and so God does not seek our worship.

2. In Jesus’ time the circumcision worshipped Him in truth – as the Son of God.

“Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God” (Matt.14: 33).

Leper’s (Matt.8: 2), rulers (Mt 9:18), and those with an unclean spirit worshipped Jesus – because they knew who He was! (Mk.5: 6).

3. Today we are the circumcision which worship God in the spirit, rejoice in Christ and have no confidence in the flesh.

“For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh” (Phil.3: 3).

Illustration to help apply our teaching to our life

Mormons believe that God Almighty once lived on the planet Kolob.

Jehovah Witness (JW) believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is “a god”.

The Roman Catholic (RC) comes to God through Mary and believe their sins are forgiven at baptism..

Question to think about.

Does God seek worship from the Mormon, JW or RC that believe their church?

Our answer from the scriptures.

NO He does not!

Why Not? Because God is “the same yesterday, to day and for ever” (Heb.13: 6), and He seeks those who worship him in spirit and in truth. And today we are the circumcision which worship God in the spirit and rejoice in Christ, and have no confidence in the flesh (Phil.3: 3).

Be challenged today – ask yourself – do you worship God in the spirit, rejoicing in Christ, and having no confidence in the flesh? And when you can say YES, then fall down and worship (1 Cor.14: 25), and next time a JW, Mormon or RC knock at your door ask them if God seeks their worship, or do they worship Him in vain (Matt.15: 9)? Because today – God seeks those who worship Him in spirit and truth through His Son, when we rejoice in His Son, and when we have NO confidence in our flesh!