

THE SPIRIT AND WORSHIP

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Alive In The Spirit, part 6

BIG IDEA: The Spirit is in-on-among our worship-response toward God, and when we live in sync with him, heaven comes to earth.

²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship.” ²¹ Jesus replied, “Believe me, woman, that an hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know. We worship what we know, because salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But an hour is coming—and now is here—when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for indeed the Father seeks such people to be his worshipers. ²⁴ God is spirit, and the ones who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (the one called Christ); “whenever that one comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I, the one speaking to you, am he.” **John 4:16-26** LEB

WHAT IS WORSHIPPING IN TRUTH?

- 1) **Informed worship** (Dt. 12:8)
- 2) **Involving our minds** (Phil. 4:8)
- 3) **Thru Jesus, who is the Truth** (Jn. 14:6)
- 4) **Honest & truthful** (Jn. 4:18)
- 5) **According to what God has revealed as true about himself in the Scriptures.** (Jn. 4:22)

WHAT IS WORSHIPPING IN SPIRIT?

- 1) **Not _____ to a place.**
- 2) **No longer matter of _____ and ceremonies** (Is. 29:13).
- 3) **By the _____ of the Spirit.** (Phil. 3:3; Jn. 3:3-8)
- 4) **_____ /inspired/initiated/carried along by the Spirit,** involving all we are. (Acts 2)
“don’t get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but **be (being) filled by the Spirit:** speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music with your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” **Ephesians 5:18-20** CSB
- 5) **_____ to & allowing the Spirit to move when we meet together.** (1 Cor. 12:7; 14:14-17)
(Kite analogy)

IN PRACTICE:

- Ask the Spirit to **teach** you to worship—in a way that God says pleases him.
- As you sing, **surrender** all you are to the Holy Spirit’s presence.
- Expect him to reveal himself.** (Melt, tremble, overwhelmed)