

THE WEEKLY COMPASS



Devotion

Worship God In Spirit And Truth

"13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the 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, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." (John 4:13-26 ESV)

Main Topic

True Worshipers!

All Christians should be able to recognize or identify with that special place to worship God. The Jews and Samaritans recognized and chose that special place they felt appropriate to worship God. The Jews, recognizing the Hebrew Canon, chose Jerusalem. The Samaritans, recognizing the Pentateuch, chose Mount Gerizim.

In our text, Jesus expresses to the woman of Samaria that there is no need to debate the location of her worship. "...The hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father (John 4:21)." Despite where you gather to worship the Father in Heaven, true worshipers will be identified by their worship of the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

John 4:24 says, "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." Knowing this, worship Him in your soul and be truthful. As worshipers, do not reduce God to finite thinking because God cannot be known without His scriptures and the Word made flesh. So, when worshipping, don't focus on the external place of worship, rather focus on the internal place of worship which is tied to the heart.

Questions:

1. What prevents you from worshipping God in Spirit and Truth?
2. What is your true worship like at home vs. at church?

Unified Topic: A Space for God

Sunday School Lesson For

March 9, 2025

Sunday School Title

Pitching A Tent

Sunday School Scripture

Exodus 25:1-9, 31-37

Main Thought:

THave them make me a sanctuary, so that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 25:8 (NRSVue)

Closing Prayer:

Dear Father, Our God in heaven, thank you for waking us up this morning. God, please forgive us of our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. Help us, Lord, to worship you in Spirit and Truth. Please, Lord! Thank you, Lord, for allowing us to recognize that it is not where we worship you but how we worship you. Thank you for giving us a humble heart for worshipping you, in Jesus' name, Amen!

