

# True (Genuine) Worshipers

- *But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." Jn. 4:23-24*
- New Covenant is the '**coming hour**' that '**now is**'
- God is **SEEKING** genuine worshippers.
- Because God is Spirit we must bow to His will
- True Worship **MUST** be in spirit and truth.

# Worship in Truth

- *"If you abide in **My word**, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And **you shall know the truth**, and the truth shall **make you free**." John 8:31-32*
- *When the Spirit of truth, has come, He will **guide you into all truth**; John 16:13*
- *I should bear witness to the truth. **Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice**." John 18:37*
- Without truth – slaves of ignorance / human wisdom
- Abide in His word and know the truth that the Spirit guided us into. If we are of the truth we will hear Him.

# Worship in Spirit

- Since God is a Spirit and we are created in His image and likeness we too have a spirit.
- We are to worship God with His image & likeness:
- *Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;” ... 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*  
Gen. 1:26-28
- Emotions, intellect, will

# Our spirit

- *we had the fathers of our flesh ... shall we not ... be in subjection to the Father of spirits Heb 12:9*
- *Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it. Eccl 12:7*
- *The spirit indeed is willing, the flesh is weak. Mk 14:38*
- *Thus says the Lord, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: Zech. 12:1-2*

# Proper uses of our spirit

- *Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, And in whose **spirit there is no deceit**. Ps 32:2*
- *The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have **a contrite spirit**. Ps 34:17*
- *Create in me a clean heart, O God, And **renew a steadfast spirit** within me. Ps 51:10*
- *But he who is of **a faithful spirit** conceals a matter. Prov 11:13*

# *How we use our spirit in Worship*

- *Then everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone **whose spirit was willing**, and they brought the Lord's offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting Ex 35:21-22*
- *I will give you a new heart and **put a new spirit within you**; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. Dan 5:18*
- *"But on this one will I look: On him who is **poor and of a contrite spirit**, And who trembles at My word. Isa 66:1-2*

# Other Descriptions of spirit

- *"Blessed are **the poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt 5:3*
- *And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord,  
47 And **my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior**. Luke 1:46-47*
- *and **being fervent in spirit**, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. Acts 18:25-26*

# A Spirit Prepared to Worship



- *"I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has **a contrite and humble spirit**, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones. 16 For I will not contend forever, Nor will I always be angry; For the spirit would fail before Me, And the souls which I have made. Isa 57:15-16*



# Worship in Spirit



- Mt 22:37 – love with all heart; soul; mind; strength.
- Mt 6:1-6 Not what man sees but what God sees
- 1 Sam 16:7 man – appearance; God - heart
- Mt 15:9 – draw near with mouth heart far from Me.
- *The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*  
Mk 14:38

# Worship in Truth



- Pray                      Men pray with holy hands
- Sing                      Speaking one to another singing
- Give                      Upon first day as prospered
- Preach/Hear          Preach the Word! Not Hearers only
- Communion          Unleavened Bread; Fruit of Vine

# Worship in Spirit




- Pray           hear, agree, amen
- Sing           make melody in your heart
- Give           not grudgingly; God loves a cheerful
- Preach/Hear   swift to hear; hear to do
- Communion   In remembrance of me

# Some are leaving their 1<sup>st</sup> Love



- *Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place — unless you repent. Rev 2:4-6*
- *You also say, 'Oh, what a weariness!' And you sneer at it, " Says the Lord of hosts. Mal. 1:13 NKJV*
- *You also say, 'My, how tiresome it is!' And you disdainfully sniff at it," says the Lord of hosts, NASU*

# Have we Left our 1<sup>st</sup> Love

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- Two songs and a prayer
  - A song and the Lords supper
  - Giving
  - A song and the preaching
  - A song and a prayer
  
  - O what a weariness...
  - Some disdainfully and scornfully sniff at it.

# Those in Old Law were Tired

- Had been doing the same thing week after week for centuries.
- Wanted something to make it more exciting.
- Yet God told them what he wanted and how they gave Him what He wanted was the critical thing.
- If they could not generate excitement doing the things He asked them to do ...
- Left first love.

# When the spirit is willing

- *not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; Rom 12:11-12*
- *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Heb 10:24-25*
- *When these are no longer in our spirit, our worship is no longer sought or accepted.*