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KINDS OF WORSHIP

(John 4:19-26)

INTRODUCTION

(John 4:23-24) "the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

1. VAIN WORSHIP

(Matthew 15:7-10) (v9) "and in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men"

They worshipped, but "in vain," because their "doctrine" was based on "commandments of men"

(v3) "Why do you transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?"

2. WITHOUT KNOWING (UNLEARNED, IGNORANT) WORSHIP

(Acts 17:22-23) "... I perceive that in all things you are very religious ... therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you."

They were worshippers, had "objects of worship," even one altar to "the unknown God," and they thought that this was acceptable worship.

Some in Rome thought the same was OK - (Romans 10:2-3) "they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness ..."

3. WILL WORSHIP

(Colossians 2:23) "These things have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion (KJV "will worship"), false humility ..."

They had a "self imposed religion," and an "appearance of wisdom;" however, it was a self-devised worship, a worship that one invents for himself, based on personal likes and dislikes.

4. IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

(John 4:23) "true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth"

Do not worship: Satan (Matthew 4:8-11), angels (Revelation 22:8-9), idols (Exodus 20:3-5), apostles (Acts 10:25-26 and 14:11-15), any man (Psalm 111:9, Matthew 6:9, Matthew 23:8-10)

"In spirit" - involved; to be attentive; tuned in; have your mind fixed on; focused; enthused; absorbed in; attracted to; interested in.
It's an attitude added to the formality or events in the worship assembly.

"And truth" - (John 17:17) "Your word is truth;" therefore, our worship is to be according to the word of God.

It comes with a warning: (Revelation 22:18-19, Galatians 1:6-10)