

**INTRODUCTION** - anytime one becomes a member of a group or organization, you acquire an obligation to make it succeed, and if you do not, you contribute to its failure.

**7. "... MUST WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH: (John 4:23-24)**

"But 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. **"true worshippers"** - are those who worship "in spirit and truth; correctly; according to right authority; by the right rule or standard; precise manner; undistorted; faithful to the letter.

The Bible warns about not being "true" in worship

- 1) (Matthew 15:9-10) "And in vain they worship Me ..."
- 2) (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 ..."
- 3) (Colossians 2:22-23) "... These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility ..."  
(Romans 10:2-3) "... and seeking to establish their own righteousness ..."

2. **"will worship the Father"** - to revere or reverence; adoration; devotion; exalt.

We do not worship:

- 1) Satan - (Matthew 4:8-10) "... worship the Lord your God ..."
- 2) Idols - (1 Thessalonians 1:9) "... you turned from idols to serve the living and true God"
- 3) Angels - (Revelation 22:8-9) "... worship God."
- 4) Apostles - (Acts 10:25 and 14:11-15)
- 5) Any man - (Psalm 111:9; Matthew 6:9 and 23:8-10)  
God's name is to be "reverend" "hallowed;" "you are all brethren"

3. **"those who worship Him must"** - obligated; essential; duty; mandatory.

4. **"must worship in spirit and truth"** -

**"spirit"** - (Psalm 95:1-3); enthusiasm; passionate; Father-child.

**"truth"** - (John 17:17; Matthew 7:21, v24; Revelation 22:18-19)

**CLOSE** - (Romans 12:12) "... brethren ... present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service ..."

Give acceptable worship in daily living and in the assembly of the congregation.