

## Sermon Title: What Worship Requires Pt. III – The Mechanics of Worship

Date: Sunday, July 15, 2018

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Background Scripture: John 4:23-24

### Jumpstart and Review:

Worship is absolutely vital to God's resident presence in our lives b/c we were created to worship & when we worship God, we get His full attention.

In I Chronicles, Uzzah's death was the result of Uzzah's COMMON PERSPECTIVE of the Ark & David's CASUAL PREPARATION for its relocation.

Advancements are necessary for growth & improvement, BUT Advancements in my Practices should NEVER cause me to Abandon fundamental Principles. And the most fundamental Principle of God-Worship is that it be done in Spirit & In Truth! If we expect our expression of worship to "move" God, it must be done in Spirit & In Truth.

*In Spirit* speaks to POSTURE & POSITION. It speaks to how we are to come before God. We can't come arrogantly or prideful before God. (see I Peter 5:6)

When we worship God, we ascribe WORTH & VALUE to His Deity in & under assumed conditions. There's NO WAY to ascribe Worth & Value to God while maintaining our own!

*..and In Truth* speaks to Purity, Openness. Truth is the real deal; nothing altered, nothing fabricated, no touch-ups, no filters, no airbrush. When I'm truthful with God, I don't mind Him looking @ my life; ...FLAWS included.

**QFC** (Questions For Consideration)

*1. Many believers have reduced "Praise & Worship" to a Sunday morning segway to the Pastor's sermon, but it's so much more than that. How can we begin to change this narrative among the vast majority of believers?*

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*2. John 4:23-24 is clear in letting us know what God is looking (seeking) for when it comes to our worship. Why then do many believers insist on giving Him everything else EXCEPT what He wants the way He wants it?*

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### **Reflect-n-Recap**

- 1. This week's lesson was ...*
- 2. The areas I feel this lesson growing me are ...*
- 3. Comments / Testimonial / Question*