

Revisit John 14:15.

The paraclete (as we have discussed), what is His function?

The Holy Spirit is essential for worship. In fact, there is no worship without Him. His role in worship is to fill us with His presence, to convict sin, and to strengthen our relationship with Him!

The Requirement

Consider Jesus’s conversation with the Woman at the Well. Write the verse below (John 4:23-24). Please underline or capitalize the word **MUST**!

What does the word “must” say to you?

Clearly, you can see there must be spirit and there must be truth!

Understanding this we can conclude, without reservations, true worship is internal and not external.

Discussion: What are some external factors we feel must be present for worship to happen?

Consider these:

The sanctuary, attendance, the music, the environment, the right people, the right place, or _____.

We feel these factors are great contributors to our worship when they are not! Yes, they matter, but they are not significant. We tend to be more concerned about how we worship when Jesus’s conversation with the Samaritan woman confirms He is more concerned about whom we worship.

True worship flows from the heart and the spirit. The absence of any of the above should not break our worship nor should they make our worship.

Did you hear where Jesus said in John 4:23, “The father seeks such to worship Him!”

What does this mean to you?

Is He welcome?

So often we sing the song, “Holy Spirit, You are welcome.” Do we really want Him here? Are we filled with joy and anticipation as we expect His arrival? Are we willing to let Him have His way in worship?

Consider 1 Kings 8:10-11

Did you hear when the glory of the Lord filled the house? What is the glory of the Lord?

When is the last time you watched or attended a sport's event where the anxiety filled the arena or where ever you were? You literally saw people standing up, waving their hands, or shouting out loud to support their team. They came for that purpose! How would you respond if the Golden State Warriors sent you a free ticket to their game? Or, if you are a Rockets fan, how would you respond?

If we can be filled with anxiety and intense emotions for our favorite team, how much more should we worship God who has done so much for us time and time again. He is worthy to be praised and worshiped!

Consider Kurt Carr's song:

Do we clap our hands in the sanctuary? Do we clap our hands to give Him the glory? Do we clap our hands to give Him the praise? Are we ready to praise Him for the rest of our days?

Consider Psalm 100- verse by verse.

Did you hear the command?

We are commanded to make a joyful noise unto the Lord! The Bible never tells us we must be able to sing to make a joyful noise. The Spirit makes the difference. The spirit helps us to do it joyfully.

Are you aware He made us for His glory? Do you know to whom you belong?

We are commanded to come before His presence with thanksgiving! When we reflect on His goodness to us how can we not be thankful? The spirit reminds us of the great things He has done for us!

Why serve the Lord with gladness? Does the gladness show on your face when you are worshipping?

Clearly, the psalmist was pouring out his heart to God in worship with adoration. We should do the same?

God deserves it all!

The Conviction after Worship

Earlier, Jesus told the woman about whom to worship! He is the center of our worship! Worship in the Spirit will not let us go home the same way?

Read John 4:29.

She had an encounter with the Holy Spirit. Her life would never be the same! She wanted others to know about this man who changed her life!

Can anyone tell you've had an encounter with the Holy Spirit?

Does it show in your worship?