

first book of the Bible, Genesis. "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof: And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed" (Genesis 2:21-25).

After Adam and Eve sinned against God (Genesis 3:1ff), they were blessed with children and the first Home then consisted of a father (Adam) and a mother (Eve) and children (Cain and Abel). "And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. And she again bare his brother Abel" (Genesis 4:1-2).

Jesus said that from the beginning of creation God intended for a man to marry a woman, thus establishing their own home (Matthew 19:4-6). However, man has continually abused and misused the Home. Rather than having a Home the way God would have it organized, that is, a man and a woman married and having children, we see in the world women living with women and men living with men and many times children are involved in these ungodly arrangements. We also see divorce tearing homes apart with single parents raising the children. Please, listen to what Jesus said, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matthew 19:6).

"Wait just one-minute preacher. What's wrong with two women or two men living together as married and raising children?" The Holy Scriptures record that God calls this arrangement sinful. "Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: For this cause God

gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly" (Romans 1:24-27). However, the blood of Jesus can wash away all of our sins (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). ~

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## True Worship is Predicated Upon God's Revelation

While the time of worship according to the copy and shadow in the earthly sanctuary with fleshly ordinances was

soon to expire when Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman, true worship still existed. It was not that all worship prior to that of the New Testament worship was false. True worship is that which is according to the prescription of God, and it has always been God's desire that worship be in "spirit and truth." While the worship of the Old Testament was inferior to that of the New Testament due to its shadow relationship to the figure, God was pleased with the worship offered Him

under that testament so long as it was true. Yet, the Samaritans did not offer Jehovah true worship. Jesus gave the reason, "You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22).

True worship is that which aligns with God's revealed will. This is not simply worship in truth, but worship in spirit. One cannot worship God in spirit if one is in spiritual rebel-

lion to His truth. Jesus never indicated that the Samaritan woman, or her people, were insincere in their worship offered on Mount Gerizim. Yet, none of their worship was accepted by God because they rejected His revelation of true worship to be in Jerusalem (cf. Deuteronomy 12:5; 1 Kings 5-8). The worship of the denominations cannot be in spirit and truth any more than the worship of the Samaritans could be, because they reject God's revelation of true worship. The truth facet of true worship is not the only one predicated on God's revelation. To understand such is to grasp the intimate relationship between "spirit and truth" in true worship.

David wrote, "For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart – these, O God, You will not despise" (Psalm 51:16-17). This scripture is often viewed as if David was emphasizing the spirit side of worship over that of the truth. In reality, David's

inspired words considered worship that is in "spirit and truth." David did not neglect the sacrificial requirements of God for his sin. His acknowledgments in Psalm 51 in no way minimize the importance of full compliance with God's specific requirements. In fact, in this Psalm, David emphasizes God's revealed requirements for true worship – "a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart." A heart in such a condition will not do what is contrary to the revelation of God, but will submit in full sincerity.

The glaring problem of the worship of the Jews observed in the Old Testament was not simply the observance of commands without the heart. For, the insincere and heartless observance of any command is not truly a fulfillment of that command. We can understand this in regard to New Testament worship. One who partakes of the Lord's Supper without discerning the Lord's body "eats and drinks judgment to himself" (1 Corinthians 11:29). One could assemble with the saints on the first

day of the week and put all he has into the collection plate, but if he does this "as a grudging obligation" (2 Corinthians 9:5) he has not truly fulfilled the commandment. Those who lift their voices in song, whose minds are on other things, do not fulfill the commandment of God to sing and make melody in their hearts to the Lord (cf. Ephesians 5:19). Such worship is not in spirit, but neither is it in truth.

In Psalm 50, God rebuked Israel for improper worship. His quarrel with them did not concern the form of worship they offered – "I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, which are continually before Me" (v. 8). However, this does not mean they offered worship in truth, but simply neglected to worship in spirit. Their worship neglected God's revelation of truth concerning true worship – "Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me" (vv. 14-15). Worship in truth is worship which fully acknowl-

edges who God is in both mind and practice. It reveres God to the utmost degree by doing exactly as He says with the understanding that He does not depend on these offerings, but we do. To do exactly as God says in form with a mindset that diminishes who God is, and what worship is all about is in no way worship in truth. Contrariwise, the sincere claim to understand what worship is all about and who God is, only to fail in full obedience to His revealed requirements is in no way worship in spirit.

### Conclusion

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A lady once said, "Preaching on the home effects more people more of the time than any other issue you can preach on, because people are baptized once, but they live in their homes every day."

Jesus revealed true worship as that which is offered "in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). The inseparable nature of these two facets of true worship must be understood. The idea that one can worship in truth only to neglect spirit, or worship in spirit only to neglect truth is foolish. The aspects of "spirit and truth" in true worship cannot be separated any more than faith and obedience, or gospel and doctrine. For one to truly worship in spirit, he must be offering worship in truth. For one to truly offer worship in truth, he must worship in spirit. Worship ac-

## A Godly Home

Of the three institutions that God has ordained (Civil Government, The Church, and the Home) the Home is the oldest and the real foundation of the other two. It has been rightly said that "the home is the cradle of civilization".

The word Home is defined in three distinct views: 1) "one's

own dwelling place; the house in which one lives..."; 2) "a place of refuge and rest"; 3) "the social unit formed by a family living together." Definition number three will be our focus in this study.

The first Home consisted of a husband (Adam) and a wife (Eve). We learn this from the