

God Seeking True Worshipers

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” (John 4: 23-24)

Once the Lord Jesus Christ sat down with a sinful woman. She is known in the Bible as the Samaritan woman. This woman was in relationship with five men and the one whom she was living with was not her husband. But when the Lord found her and revealed Himself to her she repented and recognized Him as the Messiah whom God sent as the Saviour of the world. Jesus while He was speaking to that woman He declared what is the desire of God the Father, and what is His perfect will and what He is seeking. God the Father is seeking not worshipers but true worshipers. Truly Jesus gave His life for the sins of the world. He paid a costly price for our sins when He died on the cross. And truly He rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life but only to those who honour what He gave them. Because Jesus offered His life to purchase the true worshipers who live their lives to Him.

Big is the crowd of the worshipers and how many in number they are? Many are the churchgoers and many who have faith in God the Father through Christ Jesus our Lord. But how many of them really follow His Word and live their lives for Him? To worship God is not spending one or two hours in the church per week, but to live in such a style of life that glorify God. Certain people they consider themselves safe when they go to the church while in the remaining part of the week they would live the same style of worldly life once they lived before they believe.

One time the Lord commanded the prophet Jeremiah to go and stand at the gate of the Lord's house to proclaim His message to the people who are coming to His house. ***“This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: “Stand at the gate of the LORD's house and there proclaim this message: “Hear the word of the LORD, all you people of Judah who come through these gates to worship the LORD. This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place. Do not trust in deceptive words and say, “This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD!” If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, if you do not oppress the alien, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your forefathers for ever and ever. But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless. “Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal and follow other gods you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, “We are safe” -- safe to do all these detestable things? Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching! declares the LORD.” (Jeremiah 7:1-11)*** Clearly we can see here that people have taken things for granted. They considered their going to God's temple a form of security to them that can cover up all the wrong doings they are doing. But that is not the reality. Going to church will not cover up adultery, idol worship, social injustice, murder, perjury, oppressing the poor, or the other form of wrongdoings.

If you keep doing sin and you think that you are safe as long as you are going to the church you are wrong. Your going to the church and doing some service is not a cover up of your sins. You need to repent in full. Reform your ways and your actions! Phony worship is not the way to please God. The Lord is watching and observing the style of your life and the way you live. God is looking to your heart. God does not like hypocrisy. In the church you behave in a good way but in your house and the place of your work you are a different person practicing different types of sins. Loud music and different kinds of instruments and loud voices of praise and prayer can go on in church worship, but if it not matched with holiness of life this will not be the kind of true worshipers that God is looking for. In different places of scriptures God had pointed out such kind of worship who are not pleasant to Him when it is accompanied by non-holiness in living as we can read in the following chosen Scriptures.

- 1- ***“The multitude of your sacrifices -- what are they to me?” says the LORD. “I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations -- I cannot bear your evil assemblies. Your New Moon festivals and your appointed feasts my soul hates. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood; wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.” (Isaiah 1: 11-17)*** Before we offer a sacrifice, a prayer or worship, to be acceptable to God, we need to take away our evil deeds and to do what is right and just as His Word direct us.
- 2- ***“I hate, I despise your religious feasts; I cannot stand your assemblies. Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” (Amos 5: 21-24)*** God here require justice and righteousness not music noise and loud voices coming out from people who does not live their lives right with God and men.

My Dear and Beloved: “God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” (John 4: 24) As you live and practice the truth in your life, and keep your integrity before God and men and live a holy life, then you are a true worshiper that the Father is seeking to find as you agree to pray.

My prayer: *Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried but rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord cleans me from all my sins. Transform me in the way that you want me to be, and control me to do your will; this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*