

- I. Three points of focus:
 - a. True worship focuses on our spiritual condition
 - b. True worship focuses on the person and work of Christ
 - c. True worship focuses on giving God what He wants
- II. Vss. 16-18
 - a. Jesus transitions to her real problem – her conversion and spiritual condition
 - b. Jesus often drives to the person's greatest sin, hopelessness, guilt, despair, and need.
 - c. Jesus will only deal with our sin if we want to know Him and follow Him
 - d. Jesus' intimate knowledge of us focuses on our spiritual condition
 - e. The supernatural nature of Christ knows our hearts
 - f. Jeremiah 17:10 – The Lord searches the heart and examines the mind
- III. Vss. 19-20
 - a. The Jews, recognizing the Hebrew canon, chose Jerusalem – Mt. Zion, 2 Samuel 7:5-13
 - b. The Samaritans, recognizing only the Pentateuch, chose Shechem – Mt. Gerizim, Genesis 12:6-7
- IV. Vs. 21
 - a. Both locations will be obsolete, especially Jerusalem
 - b. Why debate? Neither temple would play a role in the lives of those who worship God
 - c. The location of worship is not most important to God
- V. Vs. 22
 - a. The Jewish way was the right way
 - b. The Samaritans did not know the object of their worship; the Jews did
 - c. We must know the object of our worship. We cannot mix Christ with everything else
 - d. Who do we worship? Do we know the one we claim to worship?
- VI. Vs. 23
 - a. True worship can take place only in and through the person and work of Christ
 - b. Worshipers will be identifiable not by location, but by their worship of God
 - c. Before Christ, there were distinctions; after Christ, there are no distinctions
 - d. Romans 12:5 – “So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”
 - e. “In spirit and truth” means through the Holy Spirit and His truth that brings salvation
 - f. Mary's Magnificat – Luke 1:46-47 - “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior”
 - g. God is seeking true worshipers, those who worship Him according to what He wants, not what people want
 - h. Isaiah 29:13 (cp. Mark 7:6) - And the Lord said: “Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men”
 - i. 2 Chronicles 16:9 – “For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him”
 - j. We must worship from the heart (spirit) according to the truth of God (truth)
- VII. Vs. 24
 - a. God is greater than the temple. He is greater than the greatest church. He is not confined to a building, denomination, people group, country, etc.
 - b. Isaiah 66:1-2 (cp. Acts 7:49-50)
 - c. God is spirit – God is not “a” spirit among spirits; rather, what God is like, in the same way that flesh, location and matter characterize what human beings and their world are like – D.A. Carson
 - d. He cannot be apprehended, but His effect cannot be denied, i.e. John 3:5
 - e. God is divine, invisible as opposed to humans