

JOHN 4; September 14; True Worship Is In Spirit & Truth

ANALYSIS:

1. Why did Jesus leave Judea and go again into Galilee when he was baptizing so many disciples in Judea? _____
2. How did the Samaritan woman know that Jesus was a prophet? _____
3. What are the characteristics of the true worship that the Lord Jesus introduced to the woman? _____
4. What caused the Samaritans of Sychar to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ? _____
5. Jesus said that a prophet has no honor in his own country; so why did the Galileans receive him? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The Lord Jesus Christ was the most focused and dedicated man who ever lived. His only ambition in life was to do his Father's will. He had no desire for fame, riches, power, pleasure, or comfort. He gave up everything that even ordinary people enjoyed in order to accomplish the will of his Father. He said on one occasion, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head (Luke 9:58)." While weary and hungry, his mind and focus was still only on doing his Father's will. He said in verse 34, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." What a preoccupation with doing his Father's will! Without this singular focus in his life, how could he have accomplished the great work of salvation for his people that the Father had sent him for. And did he finish his Father's work? Yes, he did! (John 17:4) He cried from the cross. "It is finished!" (John 19:30) How focused are you and I today on doing the will of our Father in heaven? Or are we preoccupied with the affairs and things of this world? The Lord Jesus Christ gave up everything in this world in order to do his Father's will. He does not ask us to give up everything in this world like he did. He only asks us to give up the sins and lusts of this life so that we can be a pure vessel of righteousness, "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Romans 12:1-2). Again, we must ask ourselves, how focused are we on doing the will of our Father in heaven?

HELP:

1. Because he knew that the Pharisees were comparing his greater success at baptizing disciples to John's lesser success (vv 1-3). Jesus was not interested in being the greatest or most successful or having the most disciples. He left because he didn't care about big followings. His goal was not to be more successful than his cousin John.
2. Jesus told her that she had previously had five husbands and was currently living with a man to whom she was not married (v 18).
3. To worship the Father in spirit and in truth (v 23).
4. Some believed because of the testimony of the woman; others believed because of Jesus' own words (vv 39-41).
5. They received him because they had seen the miracles which he performed in Judea; hence, his response to the nobleman that came seeking healing for his son (vv 43-48).