

Is The Father Looking For You?

John 4:23

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Our Lord uses the phrase, "True worshiper" to explain the name and the nature of a worshipper. That word "true" literally means, not counterfeit or simulated. Something that is real or genuine. In our society today, we have popularized and glamorized the phony, fake and fictitious that we no longer appreciate the real or the genuine. However, when it comes to worship, or better yet, the worshipper, the Lord is not interested in the counterfeit or the simulated but is interested in the real thing. He uses the word true to differentiate between real and fake.

He then goes on to explain the nature of a worshipper. The word worshipper comes from the Greek word *proskynētēs* which means an adorer. One who loves the Lord and expresses that love regularly and without reservation. What is interesting to note is that this word worshipper is only found in John chapter 4:23. The difference between one who worships and the one who is a worshipper, is that it is not merely something that I do, but it is who I am. It goes beyond the mere act and becomes enmeshed in our being. In other words, there are those who worship, we see them every Sunday. But then there are those who are worshippers, and it doesn't matter if you see them on Sunday or Thursday, they are worshipping because they are worshippers. It is who they are.

When you are a worshipper, your worship is not predicated upon people, nor the place you may find yourself, or even the period of time you find yourself in, but rather it is predicated upon the one who is predominant and preeminent in this world and in your life.

David was a worshipper, and I believe he couldn't help but worship. This was evident in his writings in the book of Psalms. When you are the true worshipper, you will worship the Father because it's who you are.

It is this individual, not one who worships, but the worshipper that God himself seeks out. So the question is...Is the Father Looking for You?

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