THE BOOKFOLIO

Worshiping the Father in Spirit and in Truth

A 10-DAY DEVOTIONAL & STUDY EDITION

JOHN 4:23-24

"For the Father seeketh such to worship him."

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All Scripture is from the King James Version. The words of Jesus are printed in red.

Never Forget Jesus — and Never Forget the Holy Spirit

Two things hold this book together, and they hold every day of it.

Jesus. Jesus is the One who taught us how to worship the Father in spirit and in truth. He said it at the well, and He lived it all the way to the cross. We can never forget Jesus — because Jesus and the Father are one.

"I and my Father are one." — JOHN 10:30

The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives inside God's people. He reminds us of the things we have forgotten. He is true, and He only speaks what He hears from the Father.

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." — JOHN 14:26

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak." — JOHN 16:13

So on every day of this book, after the saga, look for two short parts: **Jesus in This Saga** and **The Holy Spirit in This Saga**. Worship is to the Father — through Jesus — by the Holy Spirit. We will not forget any of them.

How to Use This Devotional

This booklet began as a sermon: "**Worshiping the Father in Spirit and in Truth,**" from John 4:23-24. This edition walks through the whole booklet in ten days — one day at a time, one each morning — so the teaching can be read, prayed over, talked about, and written down, not just heard once.

Every day also carries **a saga** — a true story from Scripture about worship. Ten days, ten sagas, one matter: the kind of worshiper the Father is seeking. Watch how the story and the teaching say the same thing. The words in this book are kept simple on purpose — straight to the point, easy to follow, the way this teaching has always been taught — so anyone can understand it, even a child.

Each day gives you:

• **The teaching** — the booklet's own words, complete.
• **The Saga** — the day's story from Scripture, with its key verses.
• **Jesus in This Saga** and **The Holy Spirit in This Saga** — two short parts on every day, because we never forget Jesus, and we never forget the Spirit He sent.
• **Go Deeper** — one more Scripture that stands beside the day's teaching.
• **Talk It Over** — questions for a small group, a family, or two friends. They work just as well as questions to answer quietly on your own.
• **Journal** — a prompt and room to write what the Lord is showing you.

By yourself: take one day each morning. Read slowly. Answer the journal prompt before you move on.

With a group: read the day's teaching and saga out loud together, open the Scripture, then work through Talk It Over. Close with the day's prayer.

With your family: read the Scripture and the saga at the table, and let everybody answer one Talk It Over question in their own words.

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The central question of the booklet: "What kind of worship is the Father seeking?"

DAY 1 • FOUNDATION

The Words of Jesus

John 4:23-24 • King James Version

"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." — JOHN 4:23

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." — JOHN 4:24

The Saga — The Woman at the Well (John 4)

For the full setting, read John 4:4-26. Jesus met a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Their conversation moved from ordinary water to living water, and then to the question of where people ought to worship. Jesus explained that the hour was coming — and had now come — when true worship would not be defined by competing claims about a mountain or Jerusalem. The Father was seeking worshipers who would worship in spirit and in truth.

Notice who heard this teaching first: not a priest, not a big crowd — one woman, at a well, in the middle of an ordinary day. She came for water. She left telling her whole city about Jesus. That is where our ten days begin.

> **REMEMBER** — Jesus does not say that the Father is seeking the loudest singers or the biggest gatherings. He says the Father is seeking true worshipers.

Jesus in This Saga

Jesus is not just in this saga — He IS this saga. The teaching on

worship did not come from a prophet or a priest. It came from the Son of God Himself, sitting at a well. And when the woman spoke of the Messiah who was coming, Jesus told her plainly who He was:

"Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he." — JOHN 4:26

The Holy Spirit in This Saga

The woman came for well water. Jesus spoke of living water — water that would be in a person like a well that never runs dry (see John 7:38-39, where He makes plain that this living water is the Holy Spirit, given to those who believe on Him):

"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." — JOHN 4:14

Go Deeper

"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker." — PSALM 95:6

Talk It Over

1. When you hear the word "worship," what do you picture first? How does Jesus' answer at the well change that picture?
2. Why did Jesus move the conversation from a place — a mountain or Jerusalem — to the heart?
3. Jesus said "the hour cometh, and now is." What does that mean for your worship today, not someday?

Journal

Read John 4:23-24 again. Write what you believe Jesus is teaching

you about worship.

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DAY 2 • DEVOTIONAL REFLECTION

What True Worship Means

Worship is more than a moment in a service. It is our response to who God is. We honor Him with our hearts, our words, and the way we live. A person may know every song and still be distracted from God. Another person may have very few words, yet come before Him in sincere faith and surrender. The difference is not musical talent. The issue is whether our worship is genuine.

A heart that turns toward God

Jesus invites us to a worship that is honest and alive. We do not have to pretend before the Lord. We come as we are, confess what needs changing, and yield ourselves to Him.

Not just a location

In John 4, the Samaritan woman asked about the proper place to worship. Jesus led her toward something deeper. True worship is not limited to one place; it is grounded in a right response to the Father through the truth Jesus reveals.

> **DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT** — Worship is not just what my lips say on Sunday. Worship also touches the direction of my heart on Monday.

The Saga — Cain and Abel (Genesis 4)

The first worship in the Bible is two brothers bringing offerings. Abel brought the firstlings of his flock; Cain brought the fruit of the ground. Both men came. Both men offered. But the Lord received one and not the other:

"And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect." — GENESIS 4:4-5

God did not turn Cain away without a word. He came to him with a door still open: "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." — GENESIS 4:7. Cain would not turn his heart, and his worship story ended in his brother's blood. Now watch what this saga teaches: the difference between the two brothers was not the size of the offering. It was the heart behind it.

Jesus in This Saga

Abel's blood cried out from the ground. But there is a better blood. Abel brought a lamb; Jesus IS the Lamb. What Abel's offering pointed to, Jesus finished at the cross:

"And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." — HEBREWS 12:24

The Holy Spirit in This Saga

The difference between the brothers was the heart — and the heart is where the Holy Spirit works. He does not live in a building made by hands. He lives in God's people:

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" — 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

Go Deeper

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." — ROMANS 12:1

Talk It Over

1. What does worship on Monday look like — at work, at home, in how you treat people?
2. A person can know every song and still be distracted from God. What most often distracts you in worship?
3. Cain and Abel both brought an offering. What made one man's worship acceptable to God and the other man's not?

Journal

Describe your worship honestly, as it is today. Where is your heart turning — toward God, or somewhere else?

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DAY 3 • SERMON POINT ONE

Worship in Spirit

From the inside out

When Jesus says to worship in spirit, He calls us beyond empty outward actions. It is possible to perform the motions of worship while our attention and desires are far from God. True worship comes from the inner person. It is sincere, not staged. As believers, we depend on the Holy Spirit, who leads us into a living relationship with God.

Scripture connections

"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." — MATTHEW 15:8

The warning is clear: lips and heart can be separated. Jesus calls us to bring both to the Father.

Ask yourself

Am I worshiping because I love God — or simply because I am following a familiar routine?

> **PREACHING LINE** — Worship may be seen on the outside, but it must begin on the inside.

The Saga — Hannah Pours Out Her Soul (1 Samuel 1)

Hannah came to the house of the LORD carrying a sorrow she could not fix: she had no child, and she was mocked for it year after year. She did not perform a polished prayer. She wept,

she would not eat, and she prayed with such pain that Eli the priest thought she was drunk — because her lips moved but no sound came out. This was her answer:

"I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD." — 1 SAMUEL 1:15

She left her burden with God and went away with her face changed — before she ever saw the answer. And when the answer came, in her son Samuel, her worship poured back out as a song: "My heart rejoiceth in the LORD." — 1 SAMUEL 2:1. This is worship in spirit: not staged, not a routine — a soul poured out before the LORD.

Jesus in This Saga

Hannah's song did not end with Hannah. Many years later, another mother — Mary, the mother of Jesus — sang Hannah's song almost word for word, when she learned she would carry the Son of God:

"My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." — LUKE 1:46-47

The poured-out heart of Hannah points us straight to Jesus.

The Holy Spirit in This Saga

Hannah had no words left — only tears. The Holy Spirit knows that kind of prayer. He helps us when we cannot find the words:

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." — ROMANS 8:26

Go Deeper

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." — PSALM 51:17

Talk It Over

1. When have you caught yourself going through the motions of worship? What brought your heart back?
2. Hannah's prayer had no sound at all, yet heaven heard it. What does that teach about worship that begins on the inside?
3. What part does the Holy Spirit play in your worship?

Journal

Answer the day's question in writing: Am I worshiping because I love God — or simply because I am following a familiar routine?

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DAY 4 • SERMON POINT TWO

Worship in Truth

Grounded in God's Word

Truth matters because worship is directed toward the real God — not a version of Him that we invent. God has revealed Himself through His Word and, above all, through Jesus Christ. Feelings can be part of worship, but feelings are not its foundation. A sincere heart must also be guided by what God has said.

Scripture connections

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." — JOHN 17:17

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." — JOHN 14:6

Worshiping in truth calls us to know the Lord, listen to His teaching, and live in obedience to Him.

> **PREACHING LINE** — Spirit without truth can become emotion without direction. Truth without a surrendered heart can become words without love.

The Saga — Elijah on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18)

Israel had tried to worship two ways at once — the LORD on one side, and Baal, the idol of the age, on the other. Elijah gathered the people and the 850 prophets of the false gods on Mount Carmel and put the question of the whole saga into one line:

"How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him." — 1 KINGS 18:21

All day the prophets of Baal cried out, leaped on their altar, and cut themselves — and nothing answered, because there was nothing there. Then Elijah repaired the altar of the LORD, laid the sacrifice in order, and prayed a short, truthful prayer. Fire fell from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, the stones, and the water in the trench. The people fell on their faces and confessed: "The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God." — 1 KINGS 18:39. Worship must be aimed at the real God, as He has revealed Himself — not a version we invent.

Jesus in This Saga

Elijah's stand did not end on Carmel. Many years later, Elijah stood on another mountain — this time next to Jesus Himself, shining with glory, and talking with Him about the cross:

"And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him." — MATTHEW 17:3

(Elias is the New Testament name for Elijah.) The God of Carmel and the Jesus of the mountain are the same Lord.

The Holy Spirit in This Saga

Elijah stood almost alone against 850 — but he was not alone. The Holy Spirit still gives God's people the power to stand when the whole crowd bows the other way. Jesus promised that power to His own:

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." — ACTS 1:8

Go Deeper

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." — PSALM 119:105

Talk It Over

1. Why is it dangerous to worship a version of God that we invent?
2. "How long halt ye between two opinions?" Where can a divided heart sneak into a believer's worship today?
3. "Spirit without truth can become emotion without direction." Have you seen that happen? What guards against it?

Journal

Write down one truth from God's Word that you will worship by this week — and how you will obey it.

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DAY 5 • SERMON POINT THREE

The Father Seeks True Worshipers

He is looking for worshipers

John 4:23 says that the Father seeks people who worship Him in spirit and truth. Jesus places the focus on the worshiper's relationship with God, not on an impressive performance. The church can gather, sing, pray, and celebrate — and all those things can be beautiful. Yet we must still ask: Is the Father receiving worship from honest hearts?

What a sincere worshiper brings

• A heart open before God.
• Faith in Jesus Christ.
• A willingness to receive and obey His Word.
• A life that seeks to honor God beyond the church service.

A question for the congregation

"If the Father is seeking true worshipers, will He find that kind of worship in me?"

> **REMEMBER** — God does not ask us to perform for Him. He calls us to approach Him sincerely and faithfully.

The Saga — Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22)

God asked Abraham for the one thing he could hardly give: his son Isaac, the child of promise. Early in the morning Abraham rose, saddled his ass, took the wood and the fire and the knife, and walked three days toward the mountain. When he left the servants at the foot of it, listen to what he called the hardest obedience of his life:

"Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you." — GENESIS 22:5

Worship. That is the word Abraham put on total surrender. And when Isaac asked where the lamb was, Abraham answered with faith: "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering." — GENESIS 22:8. God did provide — a ram in the thicket, and a promise over Abraham's family forever. This is the worshiper the Father seeks: one whose heart is so surrendered that obedience itself is his worship.

Jesus in This Saga

On that mountain, God provided a ram in place of Isaac. But He was pointing to a greater Lamb, who would be provided in place of us all. Jesus said Abraham saw His day coming, and was glad:

"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad." — JOHN 8:56

And John the Baptist named that Lamb when He came: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." — JOHN 1:29

The Holy Spirit in This Saga

The blessing God promised through Abraham reaches us the same way Abraham received it — by faith. And the promise that faith receives is the Holy Spirit Himself:

"That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." — GALATIANS 3:14

Go Deeper

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God

continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." — HEBREWS 13:15

Talk It Over

1. What changes in you when you know the Father is seeking worshipers — He is not waiting for a performance?
2. Abraham called his obedience "worship." What act of obedience is God asking of you that might be your truest worship right now?
3. Of the four things a sincere worshiper brings, which is strongest in you right now? Which one needs to grow?

Journal

Write your answer to the question above — then write what you want the Father to find in you.

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DAY 6 • PREACHING OUTLINE

Worship That God Wants

Main text: John 4:23-24 (KJV)

Read this day slowly. This is the sermon's own outline — today it is not only for the preacher. Let each point examine your own heart.

Opening

Church, when we hear the word worship, many of us think about music. We think about the choir, raised hands, or the songs we love. But Jesus teaches us that worship goes deeper. The Father is seeking a certain kind of worshiper.

Point 1 — Worship in Spirit

Worship begins on the inside. It is not just a sound from the lips; it is a sincere response of the heart to God.

Point 2 — Worship in Truth

Worship must agree with God's Word. We cannot separate our praise from the truth Jesus has revealed.

Point 3 — God Is Seeking Worshipers

The Father is not looking for a performance. He seeks people who come to Him sincerely, by faith, with hearts surrendered to Him.

Closing appeal

So the question is not simply, "Did I come to church?" The question is, "Did I come to worship?" Let the words of Jesus examine our hearts. *"Here I am, Lord. I worship You in spirit and*

in truth."

The Saga — David Before the Ark (2 Samuel 6)

The ark of God's presence was coming home to Jerusalem, and David worshiped with everything he had:

"And David danced before the LORD with all his might." — 2 SAMUEL 6:14

All thirty thousand of Israel were there; the king wore a simple linen ephod like a servant, and he leaped and danced before the LORD. He did not care how he looked. Michal, watching from a window, despised him for it — she saw a performance; God saw a heart. David's answer settled the matter forever: it was before the LORD, and he would humble himself even more to honor Him. This is the worship God wants: not a show for the people watching, but a whole heart given to God.

Jesus in This Saga

David danced before the ark — the sign of God's presence among His people. But David's own descendant is the true presence of God with us. David himself called that descendant his Lord:

"If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?" — MATTHEW 22:45

Jesus is David's son by birth — and David's Lord by glory. When we worship, we worship before Him.

The Holy Spirit in This Saga

David's songs were not his alone. At the end of his life, David said plainly where they came from:

"The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my

tongue." — 2 SAMUEL 23:2

The same Spirit still puts the song — and the words — in God's people today.

Go Deeper

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" — MICAH 6:8

Talk It Over

1. What is the difference between coming to church and coming to worship?
2. David worshiped "with all his might" while somebody watched with contempt. Whose eyes matter most in your worship?
3. If your group carried one thing out of this outline into the week, what should it be?

Journal

Write the closing appeal in your own words, as your own prayer.

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DAY 7 • PERSONAL RESPONSE

Prayer, Declaration & Reflection

Closing Prayer

Lord, help me to worship You in spirit and in truth. Remove any pretense from my heart. Fill me with Your Spirit and guide me in Your truth. I surrender all to You. Amen.

My declaration

"Here I am, Lord. I worship You in spirit and in truth."

Reflection questions

1. What does it mean for my worship to begin in my heart?
2. Is there an area of my life where I need to surrender more fully to God?
3. How can God's Word shape the way I worship?
4. What can I do this week to honor God beyond a church service?

THIS WEEK — Before you begin to sing or pray, take a quiet moment to turn your heart toward the Father. Then read John 4:23-24 again.

The Saga — Paul and Silas at Midnight (Acts 16)

Paul and Silas had been beaten with rods and thrown into the innermost prison in Philippi, their feet fastened in stocks, for setting a young woman free. No service. No choir. No instruments. Their backs bled and their feet were locked — and at the darkest hour of the night, they worshiped:

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto

God: and the prisoners heard them." — ACTS 16:25

God answered with an earthquake that opened every door and loosed every chain — and the jailer's whole household believed and was baptized that same night. This is the declaration in real life: worship is not what we do when everything is open and easy. It is what rises out of a surrendered heart at midnight, when everything is locked.

Jesus in This Saga

Paul and Silas were in that prison for one reason: the name of Jesus. And before the night was over, the jailer was asking how to be saved. Their answer is still the answer today:

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." — ACTS 16:31

The Holy Spirit in This Saga

The Holy Spirit was guiding the whole trip. In this same chapter, He stopped Paul from going one way and sent him another — and that is how Paul reached Philippi, and that prison, and that jailer:

"After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not." — ACTS 16:7

The Spirit still leads God's people to the very place where their worship is needed most.

Talk It Over

1. Paul and Silas sang with wounded backs in a locked cell. What usually stops your praise — and what does their midnight teach you?
2. "The prisoners heard them." Who hears your worship outside the church walls?

3. Say the declaration out loud together. What will it mean for you to live it this week?

Journal

Write the declaration in your own words, then write one "midnight" — one hard place — where you choose to worship anyway.

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DAY 8 • THE SAGAS CONTINUE

Truth Will Not Bow

The Saga — The Three Hebrew Children (Daniel 3)

King Nebuchadnezzar built a golden image ninety feet high and commanded the whole empire: when the music plays, bow down and worship — or burn. Everyone bowed. Everyone, that is, except three young Hebrews far from home: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Dragged before the furious king and given one more chance to bow, they answered with the calmest courage in the Bible:

"If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." — DANIEL 3:17-18

They were thrown in bound, and the fire was so hot it killed the men who threw them. But when the king looked in, he saw four men walking loose in the flames — and the fourth was "like the Son of God." They came out without even the smell of smoke on their clothes. Jesus said true worshipers worship the Father in truth. These three teach what truth costs — and Who walks with us in the fire when we will not bow.

Jesus in This Saga

The king saw a fourth man in the fire, "like the Son of God." Long before Bethlehem, Jesus was already walking with His people in the fire — and He still does. His promise has never changed:

… "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." — HEBREWS

13:5

The Holy Spirit in This Saga

Where did three young men get that kind of boldness? The same place God's people still get it — the Holy Spirit:

… "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." — ACTS 4:31

Read John 4:23-24 again

"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."

Go Deeper

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me." — EXODUS 20:3

Talk It Over

1. The three Hebrews said "but if not" — they would refuse even if God did not deliver them. What makes worship like that different from a bargain?
2. What are the "golden images" of our day — the things the culture says everyone must bow to?
3. God did not keep them out of the fire; He met them in it. Where do you need to trust Him to walk with you rather than around the trouble?

Journal

Write down one place where you must not bow — and your "but if not" prayer of trust.

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DAY 9 • THE SAGAS CONTINUE

Costly Worship

The Saga — Mary of Bethany (John 12)

Six days before the cross, in the house of the family Jesus loved, Mary did something nobody at the table expected. She took a pound of ointment of spikenard — worth a year of a working man's wages, likely the most precious thing she owned — and poured it out:

"Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment." — JOHN 12:3

Judas called it waste and hid his greed behind concern for the poor. But Jesus defended her:

"Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this." — JOHN 12:7

Mary had once sat at His feet to hear His word; now she knelt at His feet to pour out her treasure. Worship in spirit is like that: it does not count the cost first. It gives the Lord what is precious — and the fragrance fills the whole house.

Jesus in This Saga

Jesus did not turn her worship away. He received it, and He defended it. Of the woman who anointed Him in Bethany, Jesus said her act would be told wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world:

"Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this

woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her." — MATTHEW 26:13

And here you are, reading her story today — in a book about worship. He kept His word.

The Holy Spirit in This Saga

Mary knew the Lord's heart because she had sat at His feet and listened to His words. The Holy Spirit keeps those words alive in us. He brings back to our minds what Jesus said, right when we need it — that is His own promise:

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." — JOHN 14:26

Read John 4:23-24 again

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Go Deeper

"Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase." — PROVERBS 3:9

Talk It Over

1. What made Mary's act worship, and not waste — as Judas saw it?
2. What is your "pound of spikenard" — the precious thing you could pour out for the Lord?
3. Mary worshiped with what she had, where she was, at Jesus' feet. What does costly worship look like in an ordinary week?

Journal

Write what you believe the Lord is asking you to pour out — your time, your gift, your treasure, your pride — and when you will do it.

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DAY 10 • THE LAST SAGA

Where All Worship Is Headed

The Saga — The Worship of Heaven (Revelation 4-5)

The Bible's last book opens a door in heaven, and what John sees there is worship without end. Around the throne, the four living creatures "rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come." The twenty-four elders fall down, cast their crowns before the throne, and say:

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." — REVELATION 4:11

Then the Lamb appears — Jesus, slain and standing — and all of heaven sings: thousands upon thousands of angels, and every creature in heaven and on earth, singing:

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing." — REVELATION 5:12

This is where the woman at the well was being pointed. This is where Hannah's song, Abraham's obedience, David's dancing, and the midnight singing of Paul and Silas were all headed. Worship in spirit and in truth is heaven's language, learned on earth. When you worship the Father the way Jesus taught, your voice is joining a choir that will never stop.

Jesus in This Saga

Do not miss who stands at the center of heaven's worship: the Lamb. Every song in Revelation 5 is aimed at Jesus. And before

the cross, He prayed that we would be there with Him to see His glory:

"Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world." — JOHN 17:24

The Holy Spirit in This Saga

The last call to worship in the Bible joins the Holy Spirit to the invitation. The same Spirit who dwells in you today is the One calling the whole world to come:

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come." — REVELATION 22:17

The declaration, one last time

"Here I am, Lord. I worship You in spirit and in truth."

Closing Prayer

Lord, help me to worship You in spirit and in truth. Remove any pretense from my heart. Fill me with Your Spirit and guide me in Your truth. I surrender all to You. Amen.

THIS WEEK — Before you begin to sing or pray, take a quiet moment to turn your heart toward the Father. Then read John 4:23-24 again.

Talk It Over

1. Of the ten sagas, which one stays with you most — and why?
2. Heaven's worship never stops. How should that change the

way we worship on an ordinary Sunday — and an ordinary Monday?

3. Look back through your journal pages. What has the Lord taught you across these ten days?

Journal — What Is God Teaching Me?

Read John 4:23-24 one final time. Write what you believe Jesus is teaching you about worship.

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My prayer today

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About This Edition

Worshiping the Father in Spirit and in Truth is a devotional and sermon reflection on John 4:23-24, based on the sermon and devotional notes of May 4, 2025. The original file was lost; this reading copy was reconstructed in October 2026, following the theme and section order recovered from the earlier bookfolio. It is a reconstructed reading copy — not a verbatim copy of the lost file.

This **Devotional & Study Edition** (October 30, 2026) keeps the booklet's teaching complete and in its own order, and adds the ten-day structure, the ten sagas from Scripture, a **Jesus in This Saga** and **The Holy Spirit in This Saga** part on every day, the Go Deeper Scriptures, the Talk It Over questions, and the journal prompts, so the sermon can be studied alone, with family, or in a small group.

All Scripture is quoted from the King James Version. The words of Jesus are printed in red.

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"For the Father seeketh such to worship him."