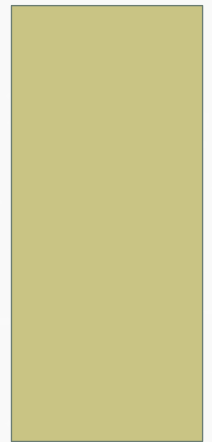


WORSHIPPING IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

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- The Samaritan woman points out the pivotal difference between Jews Samaritans.
 - Worship and devotion are at the heart of one's relationship with God.
 - Worship must be based on knowledge of how God desires it to be conducted.
 - The Jews had that knowledge while it was absent from the Samaritans' understanding.
- A change was coming to how one would worship God, as well as who could offer that worship.
 - No longer would acceptance of worship be based upon where it was given.
 - No longer did it matter who your parents were.

WORSHIP MUST NOW BE OFFERED IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

- What was the real change, beside removing it from a particular location and from a particular group of people, taking place in regard to worship?
 - Jesus states that now the true must offer his worship in spirit and truth.
 - It was for those that God was searching.

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- What was meant by “in spirit and truth”?
 - In Spirit
 - No longer could one simply go through hand motions.
 - No longer could one just pay lip service.
 - The motives of the worshippers were now under inspection.
 - The worship now involves heart, mind, and soul.
 - In Truth
 - Understanding of what God requires in worship is equally important.
 - Thus, eliminating the possibility of accidental worship.
 - Worship must be purposeful.