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**True Worship**

John 4:23-24 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. (24) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (KJV)

Worship means to do reverence, or to pay homage to. Simple yet misunderstood by many who still try to put on an outward show to an inward God. In fact when looking at the above verses, we see that our Lord is seeking those that are more apt to worship Him in Spirit and in truth, which can easily be summed up by our lifestyle, being true examples of the believers in Christ. It is a must that we learn to walk in the Spirit as well as know the truth that will set us free from the rest of the pretenders, who although they may appear to look good on the outward, inwardly they are dead men balking.

Luke 13:11-14 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. (12) And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. (13) And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. (14) And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. (KJV)

You know, of all the places that our Lord was getting hassled you would think that the temple of God would have been a safe haven. Yet despite seeing what had just taken place and the freedom this woman must have been experiencing, wham, it wasn’t according to what they perceived as truth.

Luke 13:15-17 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? (16) And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? (17) And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him. (KJV)

Verse 15 aptly describes what we see happening today as well. Many of God’s people today need to quit stalling, and get their own ass headed toward some living spiritual waters that would refresh them and bring some life back into them. Not only was this woman bound by the physical infirmity, we see that our Lord was addressing the Spiritual infirmity that was keeping the leaders of the temple bound as well. Sound familiar Church? Well, what we see taking place above still goes on today by many who are still bound and determined that some works of the law would ever be something that God would approve of today.

John 5:8-10 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. (9) And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath. (10) The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. (KJV)

The impotent man we see being described above was hanging around the pool of Bethesda waiting for someone to push him into the water. Today we still have many so called worshippers who think that in order to be saved you too have to be pushed and dunked into carnal waters to receive a spiritual healing. Yeah, as you can see the mentality back then didn’t float to well concerning the kingdom of God, and it doesn’t work today either Church when we look anywhere else but above for the answer to our own infirmities.

John 9:14-16 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. (15) Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. (16) Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. (KJV)

You know, the Lord would like you to open the eyes of your understanding as well, so that you can see into the realm of the Spirit and allow His truth to set you free. Do beware true church in Christ, because many that should know better are still blind and bound by their limited carnal ways rather than letting the truth set them free.