

in Scripture that worship is very important. We read that in Lk. 24:52 when Jesus appeared to the disciples, we read that they worshipped him. In Heb. 1:6 we read God said when he brought the first-born into the world, "Let all the angels worship Him." Does this mean the angels would have a church service and they would come together there and sing hymns and have prayers? Let all the angels of God worship Him. The angels are to do something that we also can do, that is what is meant by worship.

The importance of worship is brought out very strongly in the 4th ch. of the Gospel of John. I believe you are all familiar with events in that ch. We won't have to rehearse them, but just to point to those that are vital in our understanding of this particular subject. We read there how Jesus talked with the woman ~~at~~ at the well in Samaria. As he talked with her and pointed out her sin, she tried to divert attention to a theological discussion. So in v. 19 she said, "I can see that you are a prophet; our fathers worship on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." She would turn attention away from her sin which he had pointed out to this theological discussion. What was His answer to it?

Jesus declared, "Believe me woman the time is coming when you will worship the Father neither here on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit and His worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth."

He here stresses two things about worship. Worship must be in spirit