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Luke Chapter 24

VII. The Ascension of the Lord, Luke 24:50-53.

The Immediate Post-Ascension Actions of the Disciples.
Luke 24:52-53, paralleled in Acts 1:13-14.

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Luke 24:52, “And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy.”

“**After worshiping Him,**” is the Aorist, Active, Participle of the Verb PROSKUNEO that means, “fall down and worship, bow down to, show reverence to, welcome respectfully, to prostrate one’s self before another,” with the Pronoun AUTOS, “Him,” referring to Jesus Christ. PROSKUNEO is from the Preposition PROS, “to or toward” (some say “face to face”) and KUNEO, “to kiss.”

Principles of Worshiping of God, (continued):

All worship and praise must have the proper personal and spiritual attitude toward God, and be directed to Him, especially as He is revealed in Jesus Christ, who through His death on the Cross redeemed the world, **Eph 1:3**. Such is worship in the “Spirit of Truth,” **1 Peter 2:4-5**.

1 Peter 2:4-5, “And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, ⁵you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

As stated in the first point, true worship in the NT is Triune; it is directed toward the Father, through the Son, and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

11. Worshiping in Spirit and Truth.

a. As noted above, the true function of worship in the Body of Christ cannot be achieved without the filling of God the Holy Spirit, **John 4:24; Phil 3:3**, especially in our prayer life, **Eph 6:18**.

Eph 6:18, “With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.”

1) The filling of the Spirit is achieved through the Confession of Sin to God the Father, **Eph 5:18-21; 1 John 1:9, Mat 6:9**.

Eph 5:18, “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; ²⁰always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; ²¹and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.”

1 John 1:6-10, “If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive

us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar **and His word is not in us.**”

b. To worship in Spirit, we must have Truth within our souls, as stated in these passages, Truth is the Word of God, which is the mind of Jesus Christ, that is taught to us by God the Holy Spirit, cf. **John 4:23-24; 14:6, 16-17; 15:26; 16:13; 17:17; 1 Cor 2:16; Eph 4:21; 2 Tim 2:15.**

John 4:23-24, “But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

1 Cor 2:16, “For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.”

Eph 4:21, “If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus.”

John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

John 17:17, “Sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is truth.”

2 Tim 2:15, “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the Word of truth.”

John 14:16-17, “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.”

John 15:26, “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me.”

John 16:13, “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.”

c. Therefore, to rightly worship God, we must know His Word and apply it in our lives. To live the spiritual life, we must have Divine Viewpoint and apply it. This includes our worship and service to God.

d. To have Truth in our soul and apply it, we must have concentration. All forms of worship are a concentration test. Concentration on the teaching of Bible doctrine (God’s Word) reflects four things in your life:

- 1) It reflects the values in your life.
- 2) It reflects your motivation in life.
- 3) It reflects your mental attitude in life.
- 4) It reflects your spiritual status quo in life.

Whether it is concentration on the intake of Bible doctrine, concentration during the communion service, concentration in prayer, concentration in our singing, etc., it is all a part of the same thing, thinking, thinking, thinking! You see, the delegated power of God is thinking Bible doctrine, that is having mental attitude Divine viewpoint.

It is amazing to see what an effort it is for many people to put their brains definitely and systematically to work in order to concentrate on learning and applying God's Word. But that is the only way they are going to grow spiritually.

Principle:

A thought (or lack of thought) can make or break you at any given moment, depending on whether your thought is human viewpoint or Divine viewpoint. Therefore, it is vitally important to take in God's Word (truth) consistently, so you can apply it in the form of Divine viewpoint to life's situations.

As **John 4:24** states **“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in (*the filling of the*) Spirit and truth (*metabolized Bible doctrine resident within your soul*).”**