Worship: In Spirit and in Truth

This morning we will begin a five or six lesson series on worship. Worship of God is a matter of great importance, as is evidenced by the amount of that which has been said of it in the Scriptures. The word "worship" is used some 119 times in the Bible. If God were to mention something only once, it would be important. How much more so when we see a topic addressed as often in the Scriptures as is worship?

It is sad to see that many seemingly do not enjoy worship. This lack of enjoyment can be manifested in sporadic attendance, a lack of participation in the acts of worship (not singing), going to sleep and numerous other indicators.

Today, we will discuss the fact that, for worship to be acceptable to God, it must be offered in spirit and in truth (Jno. 4:24). This speaks of both the proper attitude and the right way to worship. For either to be lacking is to make one's worship unacceptable to God, and therefore vain. I anticipate a good study together and pray that we approach the study with the intent of improving our worship and making it more meaningful. Let us approach this study with our minds and our Bibles open.

Outline: Worship (1): In Spirit and in Truth

- 1. The Absolute of Christian Worship
- 2. The Action Involved: Worship
- 3. The Object of Worship: God
- 4. The Proper Attitude in Worship: Spirit
- 5. Acceptable worship is that which is done in truth.

P.M.: Ecclesiastes