

Becoming Mature Disciples: Worship

John 4:20-26

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

John 4:23 (ESV)

Wanted: True worshipers (verse 23)

Job requirements:

❖ **Must have a saving knowledge of God through Jesus Christ** (verses 20-22, 25-26; 1 Timothy 2:3-5; Ephesians 2:13, 18)

❖ **Must worship the Father in spirit and truth**

- Worship the Father in spirit (verses 23-24; John 3:5-7; Ephesians 2:1-5; Romans 8:15)
- Worship the Father in truth (verse 23-24; Psalm 145:18; Romans 1:18-21, 25; John 1:14, 17; 14:6; Ephesians 4:21)

❖ **Must offer spiritual sacrifices** (1 Peter 2:4-5)

- The sacrifice of our lives fully dedicated to God (Romans 12:1)
- The sacrifice of true repentance (Psalm 51:17)
- The sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15)
- The sacrifice of good works (Hebrews 13:16; Ephesians 2:10)

Fulfilling our heart's desire