

# What is God Seeking?

New Year's Resolutions - what if in 2024 we "Give God what HE is seeking?"

## WORSHIP & SERVE are linked - 29 places in the Bible where "worship and serve" go together

- Mat 4:8-10 ESV Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "**You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.**"
- To "worship" or "to bow down", an attitude of reverence, homage, or submission (more than singing)
- to kiss the hand to (towards) one, in token of reverence - like a dog licking the hand of its master

Joh 4:13-24 ESV Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." 16 Jesus said to her, "**Go, call your husband**, and come here." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "**You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'**"; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 **Our fathers worshiped on this mountain**, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 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**. 24 God is spirit, and **those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.**"

- Jesus is going to the spirit -- it's not about place any more -- its about my heart before him
- Jesus is going after truth -- it is about truth in my heart -- bring your husband

## Spirit and Truth worship -- has to do with our relationship to the word, to TRUTH, in our heart

- Mat 15:3-9 ESV He answered them, "And **why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?** 4 For **God commanded**, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' 5 **But you say**, 'If anyone tells his father or his mother, "What you would have gained from me is given to God," 6 he need not honor his father.' So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. 7 You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: 8 "'This people honors me with their lips, but their **heart** is far from me; 9 **in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**"

## David after Bathsheba

- Psa 51:6 ESV Behold, you delight in **truth in the inward being**, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- Psa 51:16-17 ESV For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are **a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart**, O God, you will not despise.
- Act 13:22 ESV And when he had removed him [Saul], he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse **a man after my heart, who will do all my will.**'