

WORSHIPING IN SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE ASSISTANCE

John 4:23-24

God gives us the path to true worship and tells us what He is seeking. It's similar to what Paul says in **Ephesians 2:18**, where he tells us that through Jesus we have access to the Father by one Spirit. It's a beautiful picture of the trinity.

Worship is really giving ultimate worth. Our true calling on this planet is putting our ultimate worth into God our Father. How do we get access to God the Father? We get it through Jesus, the ultimate personification of Truth—through His life, death, and resurrection. Jesus gives us access to God the Father through forgiving all the wrong we have done. We are not seen as sinful humans anymore, but instead, as perfect and completely loved (**Romans 8:1-2**).

The Spirit breathes life into us and sets us free to see Jesus and believe in what He has done for us. None of us just came to Jesus. The Spirit illuminates who Jesus is and shows us the truth of Him.

So, it is best to describe our worship journey as by the Spirit, through Jesus, to the Father.

Psalm 46

In his *Life Essentials Study Bible*, Gene Getz notes how this psalm describes a time when God delivered the city of Jerusalem from its enemies (e.g., see **2 Chronicles 20:1-30** and **2 Kings 18-19**). But it also looks to the future, a new Jerusalem where God will dwell with all true believers (e.g., see **Hebrews 11:10** and **Revelation 21:1-2**). The “river” that delights the city of God (**Psalm 46:4**) is a reference to the Siloam Stream that supplied water to the historical Jerusalem; however, John saw a new river in the heavenly city that had its source as God Himself (**Revelation 22:1-2**).