

WORSHIP OUTSIDE THE BOX

Deuteronomy 12

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Where should Christians worship, and why does it matter?

LET'S GET STARTED

Where should Christians worship God? The Israelites were instructed to worship God only at the temple in Jerusalem, but the New Testament does not limit followers of Christ to a specific place for worship. In this message, we will seek to grasp God's message to us about where and when we should worship Him.

GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ISRAELITES FOR WORSHIP

"Don't worship _____" (vv. 1-4).

Exodus 20:3— "You shall have no other gods before me."

"Worship at the place I _____ for you to worship" (vv. 5-22).

Deuteronomy 12:13-14—¹³"Be careful not to sacrifice your burnt offerings anywhere you please. ¹⁴Offer them only at the place the LORD will choose in one of your tribes, and there observe everything I command you."

This rule directed the Israelites to meet God at the temple, where His _____ was manifested.

Also, this rule prevented the Israelites from worshipping in places used for _____ worship.

"Worship Me in _____; not as the pagans do" (vv. 23-32).

Psalms 29:2—Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

Quotable

You may worship God anywhere, at any time, but the chances are that you will not do so unless you have first learned to worship Him somewhere in some particular place, at some particular time.

—Theodore Roosevelt

I believe churches are meant for praising God. But so are 2 a.m. car rides, showers, coffee shops, the gym, conversations with friends, strangers, etc. Don't let a building confine your faith because we will never change the world by just going to church, we need to be the church.

—Lauren Klusman

If you would like to know more

My Heart's Desire: Living Every Moment in the Wonder of Worship, by David Jeremiah (Thomas Nelson, 2004)

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SO, WHERE SHOULD CHRISTIANS WORSHIP?

The New Testament gives no regulation on _____ Christians should worship.

Acts 5:42—Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

Colossians 4:15—Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house.

The New Testament instructs Christians to worship _____ regularly.

Hebrews 10:25—Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Worship God _____, by submitting to His will in all you do.

Romans 12:1—Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

LET'S LIVE IT

We can put today's truth into practice by gathering with our church family for worship as often as possible, and by living in a state of worship every day, wherever we go.

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