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UPLAND IS A MOUNTAIN

John 4:19-26

Jeff Pond's remarks about the name Upland--937' above sea level.

Worship not a place, but a mood and a spirit!

Easy to talk about forms, ceremonies, rituals. But that is just the point--meetings and postures and religious exercises are only the forms of worship.

Worship is awe -- Psa: 33:8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants stand in awe--

Otto--The Idea of the Holy--almost a lost idea today. Jesus taught - Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed---You can't bring either praise or petition except through this. "Be still---and know that I am God!"

Worship is sacrifice --

The quietness of worship in Jim Wheeler's memorial service. ~~Does~~

Does it take death to enable us to worship??? Yes, it does take death to make us worship!

A mother cried and complained to God - she had lost a son in the military service.

God allowed a vision of the hill of Calvary to pass before her--she saw Christ hanging on the old rugged cross, and heard God say to her "I, too, gave a Son in the service of all mankind."

In this sacrifice are the true elements of worship:

In the garden--it was availability and obedience.

On the cross--it was forgiveness and submission.

--forgive them--they didn't know

--submit to the Father--He knows.

Worship is giving --

Christ gave Himself - His very life flowed out to the world's
need--John 19:34

Water - for our cleansing

Blood - for the healing of the nations

In the Old Testament the worshippers were givers -

-they gave animals or the fruit of their labors.

-and the gift was a substitute for themselves!

The two crosses -

The wooden one - came when I went out to the world's need.

The gold one - was brought to me - worship is receiving

Blessing - for now.

Salvation - forever.

Guidance - for living day-by-day

Velma and I are here via the availability and obedience principle.