

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

Matthew 6:5, 6; John 4:1-10, 19-24; Hebrews 10:19-25; Revelation 7:9-12

Long, long ago in the beginning of things God's people worshiped him and prayed to him out under the green trees.

But by and by God commanded them to build a Temple in Jerusalem. So great logs of cedar wood were cut. Huge blocks of the finest pink and white marble were made ready.

Then the carpenters and the masons set to work, and how busy they were. The walls slowly began to rise. They shimmered and sparkled in the sunlight.

By and by the Temple was finished. And God made it one of his rules that the people must worship in his Temple at certain times each year.

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Years after that Jesus came to earth. One day he sat down by a well close to the road. As he waited there, resting, a woman stopped to draw water.

Now this woman happened to be a Samaritan. The Samaritans were people who had not kept God's rule about worshiping in the Temple. The woman had often wondered about this and now she asked Jesus himself, "Is it right to worship in the Temple in Jerusalem or out here?"

Jesus answered in words something like these: "The

