

Worshipping from the Heart

Question for Thought

What is God speaking to in the following passages? Isa. 29:13; Mat. 15:1-13

Is it just a show?

- ❖ Muscle memory or Heart-led Worship –
 - Outward appearance or inward pursuit of God – 1 Sam. 16:7; Mat. 23:28

Worshipping in Purpose

- ❖ When we come to God in purpose, He manifests Himself – Mat. 18:18-20
- ❖ Not merely our collective purpose but our individual purpose of bringing Him glory – 2 Chr. 5
 - Vs. 5: Great sacrifice
 - Vs. 11: All priests operating in purpose
 - Vs. 12: All musical Levites uniformed and united in sound
 - Vs. 14: The priests could not stand to minister – sermon over

Worshipping on Purpose – Examining the intent of our Worship

- ❖ Worship should be intentional and not accidental – Psa. 95:6; John 4:24; Psa. 34:1
- ❖ We can be intentional when we remove our confidence in our flesh – Phil. 3:3

The Temptation to Worship Other Things

- ❖ Not only does God want us to worship Him, but He enabled us to worship Him. However, when it comes to worship, there is always a temptation to worship other things.
 - Exo. 20:3-5
 - Notice that satan's whole objective is to get us to worship ourselves and by doing so, him -
 - Temptation to worship self –
 - Manifested through pride – Eze. 28:14-15; Isa. 14:12-15; Lev. 10:1-2; Mat. 5:16
 - Manifested through ungodly independence – Psa. 95:6; Mat. 18:20; Heb. 10:24-25
 - Manifested through ignorance – Pro. 14:12; Num. 4:15; 2 Sam. 6:3-8; Hosea 4:6; John 4:22
 - Manifested through laziness – James 1:22; Mat. 25:26-30
 - Manifested through impatience – 1 Sam. 13: 8-9, 13
 - Isn't it funny how we can wait when we are receiving but can't seem to wait when we don't sense that we are receiving or benefiting?
 - Manifested through legalism – Luke 10:39-42
 - Manifested through desire for selfish gain – Luke 4:5-8; Psa. 24
 - Manifested through traditionalism – 2 Cor. 3:17; Mark 7:10-13
 - The Problem of Worldly Influence – John 17:15-16; 1 John 2:15-16; 2 Cor. 6:14, 17

Developing a Culture of Worship

- ❖ Whatever you place most before you is what eventually takes the deepest roots in you – Deut. 6:5-10
- ❖ We must determine that we won't settle for anything less than genuine worship – 1 Kings 18:21; Joshua 24:15; Mat. 4:10