

Sunday, 06-18-2023

Meaningless Worship
Bible Background: Isaiah 29
Printed Text: Isaiah 29:9-16A KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: Luke 8:9-14

Aim for Change:

- **KNOW** that God expects worship from the heart.
 1. How can I **KNOW** that God expects worship from my heart?
 - **UNDERSTAND** that God is worthy to be praised.
 2. Why is it hard to **UNDERSTAND** to praise God for who He is?
 - **PRAISE** God from the heart.
 3. How do I get my heart right to **PRAISE** God?
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Devotional Reading: Saturday: Receiving the Word – Luke 8:9-15; Mark 13:1-15

- What type of soil am I for God's seed?
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Focal Verses – Hearts Far From God – Isaiah 29:9-16A

1. **Warning to the Rebellious (vv. 9-12) – Psalm 95; Proverbs 23:29-35; Isaiah 30:1-5**
 - What is blinding me from worshipping God? Is my worship based on religion/tradition? In what two (2) ways is God going to accommodate me if I choose to reject His truth (pg. 481)? Am I prepared to face the consequences of false worship? Have I become of no use in God's Kingdom?
 2. **Warning to the Religious (vv. 13-14) – Mon: Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 15:3-9; Luke 6:43-45; James 3:13-18**
 - Is my worship to God just lip-service? Am I going through the motions to save face/remain in sin? Am I churchified on Sunday's but a hellion for the rest of the week?
 3. **Warning to the Rulers (vv. 15-16A) – Exodus 3:7-14; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Psalm 33:12-22; Ezekiel 8:12-18; Matthew 15:10-20; Hebrews 4:12-13**
 - Have I tried to hide anything from the Lord? Who or what has God done to shape me, His clay? What are the three (3) greatest threats to spiritual health (pg. 480)? Is my worship faithless? Who is in charge of my life?
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Daily Readings:

- **Monday: Fruitless Worship – Isaiah 1:10-17**
 - Have I caused God to turn His face from me? What have I done that God hates?
- **Tuesday: Worshipping Our Own Achievements – Isaiah 2:5-17**
 - What am I worshipping more than God? Do I spend more time in other activities than time with God?
- **Wednesday: Lives Untouched by Religious Observances – Isaiah 58:1-7**
 - Does my worship to God the Father reflect a changed life? Am I wanting to delight in the Lord but too lazy to put in the work?
- **Thursday: Refusing to Listen – Jeremiah 13:1-11**
 - What imagination am I living in? Do I listen to God even if it doesn't make sense?
- **Friday: Tuning Out God – Zechariah 7:8-14**
 - How do I tune out God? Has my lack of listening God caused God to tune me out?

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