



Women Lifting Up Women For His Glory!

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BIBLE STUDY TOPIC: _____ True Worshipers – Do We “Christians” Really Love God?

REFERENCE SCRIPTURES: _____ Isaiah 29:13; John 4:20-24; 2nd Chronicles 7:14; Romans 12:1-2; Deuteronomy 8
 _____ Matthew 22:37-38; 1 John 3:18; Psalms 139; Matthew 15:7-9; Ezekiel 33:31

1. Jerusalem’s True and False Hopes

Isaiah, a major Old Testament prophet and a representative of God, job was to confront the people of Judah and their leaders with God’s commands and promises. The events we are studying occurred during the beginning of his ministry, around 700 B.C. God used him to tell the people in Jerusalem about His displeasure of their insincerity and hypocrisy towards Him. The people of Judah had a form of godliness, but their hearts were corrupt. Isaiah’s warning were intended to **purify** the people by helping them understand **God’s true nature** and **message**. However, they ignored the repeated warning that Isaiah brought.

In chapter 29:13, Isaiah confronted the people who claimed to be **true worshipers** of God. These people **claimed** to belong to God, but they were **disobedient** and merely **went through the motions**: as a result God would bring vengeance upon them. During this period, religion had become routine instead of real. Even now in the church and **many Christians claim** to honor God while our hearts are *far from Him*, our worship means nothing (2 Timothy 3:1-4). We all are capable of hypocrisy. It is not enough to act religious. Our actions and our attitudes **must be** sincere. If they are not, we are the same as the people Isaiah is talking about in (Isa. 29:13).

✚ What are your thoughts about Christianity today in relation to both passage? Are there similarities with us modern day believers and of the people in Jerusalem? _____

✚ What are the dangers of having a “**Form of Godliness**” (2 Timothy 3:5-7)? _____

✚ How does God’s warnings **purify** us? (Zechariah 13:9; Daniel 11:35) _____

In Daniel 11:1-44 an angelic messenger was revealing Israel’s future (10:20,21). Only God can reveal the future events so clearly. In (11:33-35) God’s messenger describes a time of trial when even gifted believers may stumble. This could mean. (1) Falling into sin, (2) being fearful and losing faith (3) mistakenly following wrong teachings, or (4) experiencing severe suffering and martyrdom. If we endure the persevere in faith, any such experience will only refine us and make us purer. No matter how God has blessed you, there is still more purifying to be done. Are you facing trials? Recognize them as opportunities through which you can be refined by God.

Zechariah’s prophetic message to the children of Israel applies to us Christians today. As believers we will be refined like silver and gold through the fire of our difficult circumstances. Determine to be apart of God’s remnant, that small part of the whole that is obedient to Him. Obey him no matter what the rest of the world does. This may mean trials and troubles at times; but as fire purifies gold and silver, we will be purified and made more like Christ. (Zechariah 13:8-9)

2. God Still Speaks Today Just As Surely As He did on the Past. (Hebrews 1:1,2)

In the book of Kings’ 13:7-32 there is a story told about a prophet who had been given strict orders from God not to eat or drink anything while on his mission (13:9). He died because **he listened** to a man **who claimed** to have a message from God rather than to God himself. The prophet should have followed God’s Word instead of hearsay. Trust what Scripture says rather than what someone claims is true. And disregard what others claim to be messages from God **if their words contradict the Bible.**

✚ What do you believe may happen to us as Christians if we do not heed to the prophetic voice and continue to repeat our errors? _____

📖 Does God speak to us today? (see handouts)

3. God's True Nature

God expresses his nature throughout the entire Bible. King David tells us in **Psalm 19:1-6** how we are surrounded by fantastic displays of God's craftsmanship - the heavens give dramatic evidence of his existence, his power, his love, and his care. In **Romans 11:33-36**, the Apostle Paul share how God has mercy on us all Jews and Gentiles. In **Deuteronomy 29:29**, Moses share how the secret things belong to the LORD our God, and those that are revealed belongs to us. He also mentions that our finite minds cannot fully understand the infinite aspects of God's nature and the universe. King Solomon say "He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the works that God makes from the beginning to the end". (**Ecclesiastes 3:11**).

Job, tells us of how God is the source of wisdom and the first step towards **wisdom is to fear God (Job 28:28)**. In the wisdom literature of the bible (Job through Song of Solomon) this is the key to finding real wisdom (Proverbs 1:7-9). *Fear of the LORD means to have respect for and reverence for God and to feel in awe of his majesty and power* . One more nugget, about God's nature was displayed by our Lord and Savior, and it was written in John 3:16 – **For God so loved the world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

📖 Thought?

Mark 12:30 "Love the **Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" Loving the **Lord** with all our strength is the final way Jesus himself commands us to love Him.

4. What are some ways we can worship God in spirit and truth? – John 4:23-24

- ✚ To worship God with all your _____ is adoring Him with your emotions. – Psalms 40:8
- ✚ To worship God with your _____ is like breathing, it is all-surrounding and only made possible by God's Spirit living with us. Evaluating yourselves & working to be everything God called you to be. Ephesians 2:10
- ✚ To worship God with your _____ is using knowledge and truth from God's Word to honor and adore Him. Romans 12:1-2.
- ✚ To worship God with your _____ is intentional all-in acts of adoration. 1John 3:18

He that hath my commandments, and keep them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him... John 14:21-24

5. Prayer

Dear Father, Teach us to be obedient to your word with all of our being...

Our heart:

By Loving you more than any relationship, activity, achievement, or possession...

Our will:

By committing ourselves completely to you...

Our mind:

By seeking to know you and your Word, so your principles and values form the foundation of all we think and do...

Our Body:

By recognizing that our strengths, talents, and sexuality are given to us by God to be used for pleasure and fulfillment according to your rules, not ours...

Our finances:

By deciding that all of the resources we have ultimately comes God, and that we are to be managers of them and not owners...

Our future:

By deciding to make service to God and man the main purpose of our life's work

6. Definitions:

- a. **Godliness** - conforming to the laws and wishes of God; devout; pious. coming from God; divine.
- b. **Worshippers** - a person who feels great admiration or devotion for someone or something.
- c. **Purify** - is the removal of impure elements from something.