

YOUR HEART TRANSPLANT IS READY!

Jeremiah 17:5-10

INTRODUCTION: Do you remember the joy of looking into the face of your first child? Do you remember their first smile, their first laugh, and those first words? The truth is that in spite of how much we love our children inside every little bundle of joy is a heart that needs to be changed. Genesis 8:21; Jeremiah 17:9. The heart of the problem is we are born with a heart that loves what our Creator hates and hate what our Lord loves. When the Bible speaks of the heart it means our inner man: 1 Samuel 16:6-7.

I. THE FUNCTIONS OF THE HUMAN HEART

When the Bible speaks of the heart of mankind it is referring to the three primary functions of personality: emotions, thoughts, and will. Proverbs 15:13; Proverbs 15:15; Proverbs 8:5; Proverbs 15:14; Proverbs 23:7; Matthew 15:16-20; Proverbs 7:25. There are over 70 references to the functions of the heart found just in the book of Proverbs.

II. THE HEART OF MAN IS THE CENTER OF OUR PERSONALITY!

Often in the Bible when it speaks of the heart of man, it means our whole personality. It God's sight the heart is very important: Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 15:8-9. Our Lord does not seek just lip service from us He desires us to worship Him from our hearts: Proverbs 2:5-6; Matthew 18:1-4; Romans 12:1-2. Today, do you and I have absolute trust in our Lord and in His Word? Do we perhaps need a heart change? John 14:1-3; Philippians 4:19. If we made a list of the things in our lives that displease the Lord, what would be on it? Do you know that the Lord lists seven things He hates to see in our lives? Proverbs 6:16-19; Proverbs 16:5. Why does our Lord hate pride in man so much? It is because our pride leads us to self-sufficiency and our Lord hates that. Pride seeks self-glory but receives the wrath of God. Proverbs 16:18; Proverbs 11:2; Matthew 18:1; Luke 9:46-48; Proverbs 16:25.

III. OUR ONLY HOPE IS A HEART TRANSPLANT!

There is no cure for our evil hearts. Jeremiah 17:9. What we desperately need is a heart transplant: Ezekiel 11:19-21; Psalm 51:10-13, 17. You and I as the children of Israel of old have a choice to make: Will we trust in our own hearts or will we ask the Lord to give us a new heart? Romans 10:9-10; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ezekiel 36:22-27. Just as our Lord will give a new heart to the survivors in Israel after the Tribulation, so He will give you a new heart if you will but acknowledge Him as your personal Lord and Savior. The choice is yours.