

IS OUR WORSHIP A BURDEN FOR OUR GOD?

INTRODUCTION: A riddle: What is a burden for my God when it is empty for me? When the Jewish people left their worship of God in the Temple of God they left God there! Isaiah 1:1-13. Three hundred years later Hosea wrote: Hosea 6:4-6. Now another four hundred years forward: Matthew 23:23-28.

I. RELIGION WITHOUT RELATIONSHIP IS A BURDEN FOR OUR GOD!

If we make a religion out of our obedience to any part of God's truth, but it does not come from a true love and devotion to our God, and we live the rest of our lives out of the will of God it becomes a burden to our God. Judas Iscariot was a good example of this: John 12:1-8. Now let's jump forward 2,000 years. Things in our day have not changed have they? People today from every denomination go to church on Sunday and the rest of the week they live as though Jesus were not their Lord! Our Lord Jesus said: Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 6:46-49. What is a burden for God when it is empty for me? My worship of my God with no heart of love, obedience or devotion to Him!

II. RELIGION THAT DOES NOT CHANGE ME IS A BURDEN TO MY GOD!

Isaiah 1:14-17: Our true worship must make a difference in our lives. God is not impressed with folks filling a pew; making long prayers that do not come from the heart but are only for show. We need to ask: "What kind of a worshipper does our Lord desire? John 4:23-24; Jeremiah 9:23-24.

III. OUR WORSHIP OF OUR GOD IS A BURDEN IF WE ONLY LISTEN AND DO NOT OBEY HIS WORD!

Our worship for our God is a burden to our God if we merely listen and do not obey God's Word: James 1:22-27. If we do not strive to live holy lives our worship will be a burden for our God: Titus 2:11-14. So how is it with you? Are you striving to live a holy life? 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. We must not be found saying one thing and living another. We must serve the Lord from true hearts. Hebrews 4:1-7. Please, if you are living a double life and God has revealed it to you don't harden your heart again.