

“Hiding from Holiness” ***Isaiah 29***

Worship V. 1-14

What is Worship? “Worth-ship”, acknowledging and valuing one thing above ALL else constantly. ***John 4:21-24***

Idolatry V. 1-4 – “Ariel” translated in this context to ‘alter hearth’. In Judaism this would be the mercy seat, the very place where the presence of God would reside. The pagan religions also had an alter hearth. The “ah” or “woe” is that they were practicing both. They worshipped in practice but not in heart, this is spiritual manipulation of God. The result of their worship of the dead is that they would be God’s sacrifice and suffer the same fate as the gods they worshipped – “dust”.

Matthew 15:1-9 (ch.23), Psalm 51:16-17

Sanctified (set apart) V. 5-9 - Even though they did not set God apart God will set them apart. They will remain long after their enemies have been destroyed by God, the remnant. (V. 6 ***Revelation 19:11-16) Hebrews 2:10-18***

Spiritual illiteracy V. 10-14 – Because their heart is far from God He has sealed up His wisdom so that it cannot be read. He will unseal this in time but they are illiterate and unable to read it. God will demonstrate the contents of the scroll in great wonders.

Ephesians 3:14-21

Holiness V. 15-24

Hiding V. 15-17 – We go to great lengths to hide from hurt and fear, but what we end up doing is hiding from love and God. ***Genesis 3:8-13, Psalm 139:11-12, Romans 9:19-23***

Holiness V. 18-24 – What is Holiness? Different, different than how you were before and the world around you. Instead of our human heart we have the heart of God.

1 Peter 1:13-25

“Holy One of Jacob” – A term of familiarity, not just God of the nation but God of the individual intimately. God will not only re-establish His holiness but ours as well. The intimate relationship will be fully restored. ***Genesis 28:10-17***

Application

Discussion Questions

What or who do you worship?

How can you become more spiritually literate?

What can you do to nurture holiness?

Homework

Read *Isaiah Ch. 30*

Answer the following questions:

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

Ask yourself every eight seconds "Is what I am doing or thinking right now a worshipful thing before God?" If not STOP IT! If so continue earnestly! Repeat.