

Insincere Worship

Matthew 15:8-9a Amos 5:21-24

The above passages reveal God's extreme displeasure with insincere worship and empty ritual. The very essence of worship is to bow before God in genuine reverence and surrender. Yet even many believers have forgotten the awesome holiness and majesty of our God. We seriously compromise with sin and yet still expect God to honor our prayers and receive our worship. It seems many have forgotten that willful, habitual sin is equal to "trampling underfoot the precious blood of Jesus (Hebrews 10:29)

Also many thoughtlessly receive the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a moment of supreme holiness and personal examination.

In coming to worship, is your primary purpose to bow before God in utter repentance and obedience?

Is your mind filled with holy fear and reverence for God?

Do you really love and reverence God or mostly just seek His benefits?

Have you taken the Lord's Supper without deep examination and personal repentance?

Do you set aside all of Sunday for God or show up for a little bit, then leave to do your own thing?

Do you frequently sing worship songs without deeply reflecting on the words?

Do you listen to sermons with little thought of immediate obedience to God's instructions?

Insincere, worship is one of the most serious sins a believer can commit! Do you need to confess a shallow reverence and worship of God? Immediately confess this most serious of sins. Trust God to grant you the spirit of genuine reverence and worship.

