

In Vain Do They Worship Me.

This is a very serious thing to worship God in vain.

What is an example in the Bible of worshipping Him in vain

The King speaking in The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 7

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Colossians 3:8

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

What are some things we hold as tradition that God says is worship in vain?

Discuss?

2nd Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

How do we avoid worshipping God in vain?

By hiding His Word in our heart

Psalms 119:11 Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee.

Nullifying Gods Ten Commandments is worshiping Him in vain

Matthew Chapter 15

1 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,

2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

6 And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

\What command were they nullifying?

Honor thy father and thy mother

He the king whose law is broken calls us hypocrites, when we exalt our tradition above His Law

They added to the Law and teaching of the Lord and made his teaching into a burden grievous to be born

This is the danger that as we grow in God we start thinking we are smarter than God by substituting our own philosophy and traditions in the place of the commandment of God.

I am guilty? You bet I'm guilty I have done that many times but when you repent, you turn to God's will and not your own.

Part of repentance is accepting the Law of God as valid for us and putting ourselves under the yoke of the Perfect Man, Jesus who did nothing against that Law at all and paid its penalty.

However as any court in the human realm will tell us, just because we are no longer under the penalty of breaking the Law we better take heed as we can find ourselves back under its penalty.

The tradition of man says the Law and teaching of God are not important or are of less importance than our teachings. Where do we teach amiss from the Law of Love we are in need of repentance.

We can feel God and still miss Him they did in the promise land in Shiloh when the Lord left his dwelling. The only way to know you are pleasing to God is by the Blood of Jesus and a life of readjustment to God's will. Sheep do not stay with the wolf once they recognize it. They leave or cry to the shepherd if they cannot get free. Are we leaving the wolf or embracing him?

Do we worship the Lord in vain?

We love you Lord we say in our songs and it is real worship but is it effectual worship unless we truly show our love by embracing God's commandments? His commandments are not grievous to those who love Him. The heart cry of the gospel is the Love of God and our response by willingly obeying the Law of God.

The opposite of worshiping God in vain is effectual worship that moves God.

How do we move the Lord? When we worship Him in the beauty of Holiness and let Him be Lord of all. This moves The Lord and is not worship in vain.

Abraham was not perfect nor was David or any of the Old Testament saints; but their worship of God involved cleaving to Him.

We need to study the motives and the history behind our traditions to make sure we are not worshiping Him in vain.

Use an internet search use encyclopedias, but research traditions of men even and especially religious traditions.

It is part of being diligent to Know the Word.

Rev 18:3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Because in the new covenant of mercy and grace we are told to come out of Babylon and be separate yes event the people of God.

Why? Because He does not want the punishment of Babylon to fall on His People

We have to ask ourselves if our traditions though popular violate the Ten Commandments if we should keep them

As for me and my house we will serve the LORD and not man

In closing

They who do know their God shall work exploits

They who know God do not worship him in vain

Having a form of Godliness and denying the power thereof

The only way to be saved is to not worship God in vain

Those that love me those are mine