

Give God Your Heart

What does God require of me?

Introduction

- Most profound question "What does God require of me?"
- To find answer, we will assume that we believe in God and believe that the Bible is His only Divine Word
- By understanding what God requires of us, we understand our purpose for being here, why we were created

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Men And Women Created In The Image of God

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Gen 1:27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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We Can Either Choose To Sin or Obey and Glorify God

Rom 1:21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Rom 1:22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

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Rom 1:23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

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What Do The Old Testament Prophets Say?

Psa 50:7 "Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you; I am God, your God.

Psa 50:8 "I do not reprove you for your sacrifices, And your burnt offerings are continually before Me.

Psa 50:9 "I shall take no young bull out of your house Nor male goats out of your folds.

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What Do The Old Testament Prophets Say?

Psa 50:10 "For every beast of the forest is Mine, The cattle on a thousand hills.

Psa 50:11 "I know every bird of the mountains, And everything that moves in the field is Mine.

Psa 50:12 "If I were hungry I would not tell you, For the world is Mine, and all it contains.

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Psa 50:13 "Shall I eat the flesh of bulls Or drink the blood of male goats?

Psa 50:14 "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving And pay your vows to the Most High;

Psa 50:15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me."

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Psa 51:16 For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering.

Psa 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

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Hos 6:4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? For your loyalty is like a morning cloud And like the dew which goes away early.

Hos 6:5 Therefore I have hewn *them* in pieces by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth; And the judgments on you are *like* the light that goes forth.

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Hos 6:6 For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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Amo 5:21 "I hate, I reject your festivals, Nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies.

Amo 5:22 "Even though you offer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept *them*; And I will not *even* look at the peace offerings of your fatlings.

Amo 5:23 "Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen to the sound of your harps.

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Amo 5:24 "But let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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Isa 1:10 Hear the word of the LORD, You rulers of Sodom; Give ear to the instruction of our God, You people of Gomorrah.

Isa 1:11 "What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me?" Says the LORD. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed cattle; And I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs or goats.

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What Do The Old Testament Prophets Say?

Isa 1:12 "When you come to appear before Me, Who requires of you this trampling of My courts?

Isa 1:13 "Bring your worthless offerings no longer, Incense is an abomination to Me. New moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies-- I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly.

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Isa 1:14 "I hate your new moon *festivals* and your appointed feasts, They have become a burden to Me; I am weary of bearing *them*.

Isa 1:15 "So when you spread out your hands *in prayer*, I will hide My eyes from you; Yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are covered with blood.

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What Do The Old Testament Prophets Say?

Isa 1:16 "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil,

Isa 1:17 Learn to do good; Seek justice, Reprove the ruthless, Defend the orphan, Plead for the widow.

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What Do The Old Testament Prophets Say?

Isa 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool.

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Mic 6:6 With what shall I come to the LORD
And bow myself before the God on high?
Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings,
With yearling calves?

Mic 6:7 Does the LORD take delight in
thousands of rams, In ten thousand rivers of
oil? Shall I present my firstborn *for* my
rebellious acts, The fruit of my body for the
sin of my soul?

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Mic 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is
good; And what does the LORD require of
you But to do justice, to love kindness, And
to walk humbly with your God?

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What Does Jesus Say?

Mar 12:28 One of the scribes came and
heard them arguing, and recognizing that He
had answered them well, asked Him, "What
commandment is the foremost of all?"

Mar 12:29 Jesus answered, "The foremost
is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR
GOD IS ONE LORD;

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What Does Jesus Say?

Mar 12:30 AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE
LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR
HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND
WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL
YOUR STRENGTH.'

Mar 12:31 "The second is this, 'YOU
SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF.' There is no other
commandment greater than these."

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What Does Jesus Say?

Mar 12:32 The scribe said to Him, "Right,
Teacher; You have truly stated that HE IS
ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE
BESIDES HIM;

Mar 12:33 AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL
THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE
UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE
STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE'S
NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF, is much more
than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

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What Does Jesus Say?

Mar 12:34 When Jesus saw that he had
answered intelligently, He said to him, "You
are not far from the kingdom of God." After
that, no one would venture to ask Him any
more questions.

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The Point of This Lesson

- God wants from us the one thing He will not take from us by force, our heart
- Often, we seek to give God something external instead of completely yielding our thinking, feelings and will to Him
- Result – we offer Him some form of worship but live each day with our hearts far away from Him
- He demands all of our heart all the time

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God Accepts No Substitutes For Our Heart

Mar 7:6 And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

Mar 7:7 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'

Mar 7:8 "Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men." 26

God Demands Our Heart In Worship and Moral Character

Mat 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

Mat 23:24 "You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

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Why Not Give God Your Heart Today In Obedience?

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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Rom 6:17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

Rom 6:18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

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Why Not Give God Your Heart Today In Obedience?

Act 8:21 "You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

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