A Heart For God

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INTRODUCTION

- The faith of your parents that may indeed get them to heaven, it doesn't just rub off on you.
- Wouldn't it be more satisfying if we really wanted to be here? If we strongly desired to participate, if we were thrilled by the exercise of worship.
- Could it be said of you that your heart was more engaged and more thrilled with the exercise of worship five years ago than it is now?

1 Identify the Problem: Defective Hearts

- The third soil, the thorny soil, it's the cares and the worries and the riches of this life that choke the fruitfulness of the word, and thus we bear no fruit.
- As long as we are thrilled with all the wrong things, we will not have a heart for God. That's where the problem lies.
- There's a time for rest, but the Lord's day is not that day. The Lord's day is a time for worship.
- You're going to have to change your heart. And as long as it's enthralled with the temporary trinkets of this world, if that's foremost in your heart, you will not have a heart for God.

2 What He Made Us For

- His creatures praising him and adoring him and humbly serving him. This one is what he made us for. It's the highest form of activity.
- Those are carnal things, making a carnal appeal. This is about the focus of our spiritual minds, our souls, in devotion to our Creator. And it's not about us, it's foremost about him.
- I was glad. When they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.
- As a deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for thee, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
- David is saying, I thirst to do this. I thirst to worship. I thirst to serve my God. That's a heart for God.

3 A Heart for God Reflects on Him

Psalm 19:1–14; Acts 17:28

- Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight. O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
- A heart for God reflects on him and the things that he's done.
- There must be constant meditation and reflection on God.
- The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul. The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

- It's not just meditating on God's message, it's being sufficiently impressed with the message.
- Reflect on Him, the things that he's done, His Acts, His message, and then think about your relationship with Him. Your fellowship with Him.

4 A Heart for God Is a Heart of Thanksgiving

Psalm 65:1–8; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; 2 Samuel 7

- We ought to be at a week of thanksgiving every week of our lives. In everything we are to give thanks, because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
- How blessed is the one whom thou dost choose and bring near to thee to dwell in your courts.
- We ought to be more focused on the presence of our God and his power and his coming judgment and his mercy.
- What does the heart for God look like? It reflects on him and his doings. And it's a thankful heart.
- What am I in my house that you have brought me thus far? A heart of gratitude will compel heartfelt worship.

THE CHALLENGE

What's the condition of your heart? Are you ready to embrace all that God requires of you now? And to the end of your days.

MY NOTES