



GraceLife

BAPTIST CHURCH

When Worship Becomes Empty
Isaiah 29:13

Isaiah 29:9-14 (NIV)

Be stunned and amazed, blind yourselves and be sightless; be drunk, but not from wine, stagger, but not from beer. The Lord has brought over you a deep sleep: He has sealed your eyes (the prophets); he has covered your heads (the seers). For you this whole vision is nothing but words sealed in a scroll. And if you give the scroll to someone who can read, and say, "Read this, please," they will answer, "I can't; it is sealed." Or if you give the scroll to someone who cannot read, and say, "Read this, please," they will answer, "I don't know how to read." The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught. Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish."

I. The Danger of Lip-Service Religion

Verse 13 – "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips..."

II. God Sees the Heart Behind the Habit

Verse 13 – "Their worship of Me is based on merely human rules they have been taught."

III. Rekindle Sincere Worship

Verse 13 – "... but their hearts are far from me."

God has NOT moved; we are always the ones who move!

- Return to the Heart of Worship
- Invite God to Search Your Heart

Psalms 139:23-24 (NIV)

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

- Engage With God Daily