

Signs Of A Healthy Church: Worship From The Heart

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Isaiah 29:13; Deut. 24:1-8

Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

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① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read: Isaiah 29:13

¹³ 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.

Read: Deuteronomy 24:1-8

¹ If a man marries a woman who becomes
displeasing to him because he finds something
indecent about her, and he writes her a certificate of
divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house,

² and if after she leaves his house she becomes the
wife of another man,

³ and her second husband dislikes her and writes her
a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her
from his house, or if he dies,

⁴ then her first husband, who divorced her, is not
allowed to marry her again after she has been
defiled. That would be detestable in the eyes of the
LORD. Do not bring sin upon the land the LORD your
God is giving you as an inheritance.

⁵ If a man has recently married, he must not be sent
to war or have any other duty laid on him. For one
year he is to be free to stay at home and bring
happiness to the wife he has married.

⁶ Do not take a pair of millstones—not even the
upper one—as security for a debt, because that
would be taking a person’s livelihood as security.

⁷ If someone is caught kidnapping a fellow Israelite
and treating or selling them as a slave, the kidnapper
must die. You must purge the evil from among you.

⁸ In cases of defiling skin diseases, be very careful to
do exactly as the Levitical priests instruct you. You
must follow carefully what I have commanded them.

② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN?

1. What is Biblical worship?

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does this MATTER to me?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes
