

Isaiah 1:10-20
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Sermon Notes

James 4:8 ESV

8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Why do you worship?

"The people had the mistaken idea that they could live any way they pleased so long as they made restitution in the sacrificial system."

Psalms 51:17 ESV

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

1 John 1:7 ESV

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Our worship is to be an act of repentance

Acts 3:19 ESV

19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,

"They had replaced the principle of conformity to the will of God with the principle of practicing what was acceptable and helpful to themselves."

How do you worship (repent)?

vv. 16-17:

stop

learn

seek justice

Luke 3:8 ESV

8 Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

James 1:27 ESV

27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Amos 5:21-24 ESV

21 "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. 24 But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

"The key to experiencing the presence of God, according to Amos, is inter-human justice. It is not religiosity."

"Justice seeks life for everyone in the community. Because life is for everyone, justice pays particular attention to the people being denied life. Justice provides for access by all to the communal 'good life'. None can justly prosper at the expense of others, or even in the light of the poverty and need of others."

Our worship should move us to seek justice - the good of those in need.