



Sermon Notes

Season of Healing
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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.*

God wants our hearts!

With God, it's always been about our hearts.

Deuteronomy 6:5-6

⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

Deuteronomy 4:29

²⁹ But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deuteronomy 5:29

²⁹ Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!

Our heart is the place where we know truth.

Heart is used in Scripture as the most comprehensive term for the authentic person. It is the part of our being where we desire, deliberate, and decide. It has been described as "the place of conscious and decisive spiritual activity," "the comprehensive term for a person as a whole; the feelings, desires, passions, thought, understanding and will," and "the center of a person. The place to which God turns."

J. Stowell

God wants us to love and obey Him with our hearts!



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We were made by love, in love, for love.

God didn't create us to earn His love, He created us to enjoy His love.

When God is obeyed, everything works best.

God, in what way am I not fully living in Your love right now?

You cannot have intimacy from a false self.

"If we conceal our wounds out of fear and shame, our inner darkness can neither be illuminated nor become a light for others."

Brennan Manning

God wants to change our conditioning.

God wants to restore us to the condition we were made for: loving relationship with Him.

Isaiah 44:21-22

²¹ *"Remember these things, Jacob,
for you, Israel, are my servant.
I have made you, you are my servant;
Israel, I will not forget you.
²² I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist.
Return to me,
for I have redeemed you."*

Isaiah 62:12

¹² *They will be called the Holy People,
the Redeemed of the LORD;
and you will be called Sought After,
the City No Longer Deserted.*

You can't really say "yes" to God's call on your life until you can say "no" to things that will keep you from that call.

