

The God Mockers

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Mocking God has at its core, a congregation who loses the spirit of true religion, the true spirit of prayer, the true spirit of zeal and devotedness, they will spend their time in singing, doing works with no fruit, have prayer with out praying, read the word without understanding and love with out loving.

Isaiah 28:22

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22 Now therefore do not be scoffers (mockers), lest the bands which bind you be made strong; for a decree of destruction have I heard from the Lord God of hosts upon the whole land *and* the whole earth.

I would like to put forth the following:

In this passage from verse 14 in context, God is doing something on the earth.

But people are refusing to accept it. Is it possible that God is doing something new in this region and we are refusing to accept it.

What is MOCKING or being MOCKED.

In a scriptural sense it mean to act hypocritically. Or, to lie, making false pretenses or professions. Sometimes we make representations that are not true. We misrepresent God.

When our hope is mocked we in a sense become disappointed.

To mock God is to be insincere and hypocritical, and to act in a false manner.

Example: I make an appointment or promise to serve or worship with no intention of fulfilling it. Or, having an intention to fulfill it but not.

I tell others that I serve at church but in fact do not.

I tell others I love them, but then back bite them or dishonor them by lying about them.

To mock God is to pretend to love, serve and worship Him when to all intents and purposes we are not.

Example: I say I love God, then do not obey Him.

I say I serve Him but do no service.

I say I worship Him but never actually go to a place of worship in my personal time, or church time.

To mock God is anything that is a pretense (PRETEND) and does not reveal the truth of the heart. Another word to describe it will be to delude.

Example: I raise my hands without actually being focussed on God. Or, my mind is somewhere else.

I sit during worship times without participating in the worship.

I do other things while worship times are in play.

The term to mock means to dishonor. We dishonor God by pretending to serve, love, worship, and are insincere.

Galatians 6:7

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7 Do not be deceived *and* deluded *and* misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] For whatever a man sows, that *and* that only is what he will reap.

In this sense, it makes dishonored.

2. Some of the ways in which a man mocks God

We need to understand our true position, which should be vitally important to each Christian is to know what it is and how to respect God. This respect needs to be paramount regardless of whether we are accepted by Him or not in our service of Him.

1) Obedience

We mock God when we present ourselves in the house of God as a professed servant without any action of

obedience, love, worship and faith. Unless we are really in an obedient state of mind, in the true spirit of devotion to His service, we mock Him by the very fact of coming to His house as Worshipers.

Unless you come to his house as a true worshipper, someone who is devoted to His interests, service and glory, that in your heart you are really servants of God and you come to His house to express what is in your heart, you mock God.

Unless you come with an obedient spirit, love unfeigned, and in full confidence in Him, submission to Him, and in the spirit of TRUE worship you mock God.

If you come to the house of God without humility, repentance, devotion consecration you mock God.

2. Two Things

There are two things that every christian needs to have in approaching the house of God.

- a. Come to profess that we are devoted to him.
- b. Inquire how we can consecrate ourselves to Him more. We should walk into the church asking, "What is the will of the Lord for me, that I may understand it and that I may do it".

Now, when you come to the house of the Lord with this inquiry you by implication are saying that I will obey when it is made known to me.

If this is not the disposition of your mind, then you in effect mock God. You appear before Him in the attitude of

a hypocrite. You are virtually saying, " O God, we don't come to obey you, we don't come to inquire of your will for us, with the intention of doing it. We only come pretending this, for in our hearts we have no desire to obey your will or what you require of us."

My reason for being here is to worship and find out what it is I need to do and then to do it. All other reasons are just a mockery.

Would we ourselves not feel the same way, if someone came to our home for dinner, and then refused to eat anything and sat and ignored you and watched you TV the whole time they were at your home? Would you not feel mocked as well? That person came for no intention of fellowship, no intention to interact, no intention of eating even though you prepared a great delicious meal for them.

It needs to be clearly understood that any body of believers who come together for any other reason that to worship God corporately, and receive their marching orders have in effect mocked God.

If the intent is to obey Him and then they do not, they mock God.

Matthew 15:6

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6 So for the sake of your tradition (the rules handed down by your forefathers), you have set aside the Word of God [depriving it of force and authority and making it of no effect].

7 You pretenders (hypocrites)! Admirably *and* truly did Isaiah prophesy of you when he said:

8 These people *draw near Me with their mouths and* honor Me with their lips, but their hearts hold off *and* are far away from Me.

9 Uselessly do they worship Me, for they teach as doctrines the commands of men.

Isaiah 29:13

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13 And the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips but remove their hearts *and* minds far from Me, and their fear *and* reverence for Me are a commandment of men that is learned by repetition [without any thought as to the meaning],

3. Confession without repentance

Confession of sin with out repentance is mocking God just as well.

There is no point of confessing sin and then not changing my lifestyle. Any person coming to God for confession needs to change.

Continual coming to God to confess with no change is not repentance, it is mockery.

If a person has no restitution in their repentance then this too is mockery. Restitution just means to pay back what was stolen. When a person restitutes, they have chosen to make amends as far as it is in their power, with out excuses.

The heart (spirit) governs the external life right? If I am not in a state of repentance then my external life is suffering the consequences thereof.

By a fundamental law of scripture, if a man's heart is right, his life will be right. With out repentance, the heart cannot be right and anyone professing to be so is mocking God.

Resistance to sin is a fundamental Christian trait. With out restraint we will fall back into sin and as a result mock God once again. This is the lifestyle and methodology of the hypocrite.

At the end of every day, do you go to your closet, or prayer time and confess the sins of the day and say, "I'm sorry". That is good. But if you do not change and have to go back the next day and confess again, you in effect never repented and as a result, mocked God. Reason, it was not a serious, determined change, you only professed to change but never intended to. Oh, you say, "I tried. But I just fell back and did it again".

If we live this way we will continually set ourselves up of future failure, because we give ourselves a sense of satisfaction without really changing. Our fundamental flaw is that we mocked God in the process.

So how do we overcome sin that we cannot stop doing?

- 1) Take it to God.
- 2) Talk to someone.
- 3) Ask for accountability.
- 4) Report in truth your actions.
- 5) Praise God for success.

Remember true repentance is also penitent, A feeling of deep sorrow for our lack of obedience and failure.

4. Religious or custom prayer.

Most people pray without thinking about what they are praying. Most people religiously repeat prayer that has no meaning, no power and no desire for change. This is also mocking God. Why? Because I am satisfying my own desire to have "prayed" but in reality I am just being religious. In so doing I have mocked God.

Formalized prayer, repetitive, faithless and self serving are the earmarks for covetousness. Prayer that has no impact, no deep and personal characteristic really just mocks God.

A custom of daily, weekly, annual prayer only serves to dull the conscience and so doing because it is done without faith, mocks God. Treating Him as if He did not hear in the first place and He requires reminding over and over. "Lord bless my family", become a mantra of most Christians.

5. Stereotypical forms of worship

Public worship, done as a matter of course, week after week, same as before is merely mocking God. He is not in the midst of the event. It has been planned by man, thought out by man and executed by man. Because there is no sincerity in the worship, it may just become a performance - an act - for the people instead of worship to God. Unless there is a sincerity of worship, this is a mockery before them to God.

If a group of people are affected by a song,