

Lord of the Heart

Luke 20: 41- 21:4

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Intro

We continue with the events of the last week of Christ's life before the crucifixion. He is daily teaching in the temple and this gives us many opportunities to learn from Him as well.

Many have been challenging the Lord with many questions, but this time, it's Jesus who does the questioning and the challenging.

This is an opportunity to learn from the Lord Himself about what He considers most important.

The lesson is simple;

It's all about the heart.

The greatest grudge of the Jewish leaders was that Jesus claimed in no uncertain terms to be the "beloved son of God." (vs 13).

They couldn't see that the scriptures told of a Messiah that would be more than an earthly king, but also a divine Redeemer.

I. If Jesus is David's Lord, then He should be mine as well.

Vs 20:41-44

A. David foresaw the messiah.

Psalm 110:1

- Sitting at the right hand of God.

- If David called Him Lord, the Jews were expected to as well.

B. How could he be both David's son and David's Lord?

- Because He was both God and man.

C. Lord is a powerful title.

- "Why do you call me 'Lord' if you don't do what I say?"

Luke 6, "Anyone who hears my Word and acts upon them is building a strong foundation."

- **Rom 10:9-12** Believe in your heart, and confess Him as Lord.

II. Live for more than just the appearance of faith.

Vs 45-47

A. The Scribes wore long robes, and said long prayers.

Illus – "You wear His coat well..."

B. They loved honor, but they didn't love God.

- Do we give honor to ourselves, or trust God to give it in His due time.

III. God's standard is different than man's.

Illus- I Sam 16:7 “man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart.”

A. God weighs the motives of men's hearts.

Prov 16:2 “All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the motives of he heart.”

B. The widow gave from her lack; they gave from their abundance.

C. This is not about money; it's about the heart.

Conclusion

What does it mean to give God your heart?

Does it mean that you get emotional about God?

Remember that emotions are a result, not a cause.

No, Loving God with your heart, giving God your heart simply means this; that you honor and cherish God in the privacy of your heart. When no one else is there.

It's being honest before God. It's about what happens in your thoughts. “As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.”