

If you profess to know God you must wake up, keep your eyes open, and follow the Spirit of God. The Word of God is available for the believer to understand and exercise in their daily life. Those listening must be hearers and doers of the Word. Are you one who is loyal to God; speaks wonderful things about God, but your loyalty is not as it should be? Additionally, does your worship consist of nothing but man-made rituals, similar to how the Israelites worshiped: "their hearts weren't in it?" Do you offer "Empty Lip Service?" Isaiah criticizes the people who offer lip service to God while their hearts remain far from Him. Does your walk and talk match up? Matthew 15:8-9 shares, 'These people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." We must not become so routine in our worship; you know doing everything the same way. Don't just go through the motions. Your desire should be to have a real religion, authentic religion, life-changing religion. There is no time to be a hypocrite. We are living in perilous times, where we say something but do another. Joshua 24:14, 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. God will return looking for a church without spot or wrinkle. We do not do the judging, but God will judge. God is not content with doing right some of the time. He wants us to do what is right all the time. Finally, **1 Peter 4:17**, "For the time has come for judgement to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God?"

> Reflection for February 25, 2024 Scripture: Isaiah 29:13-16