Unite My Heart

Sunday January 10, 2021

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; <u>unite my heart</u> to fear your name. Psalm 86:11

Do not <u>anxiously look about you</u> for I am your God. I will strengthen you Surely I will help you Surely I will uphold you with MY righteous right hand. Isiah 41:10

God desires that each follower of Christ...<u>move from praying for changed</u> <u>circumstances to praying for a united heart.</u> Dennis Kinlaw

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"Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above."

Jesus talks about an undivided heart in the Beatitudes:

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Matthew 5:8

Katharos - a heart that is pure in motive and which is single minded, has undivided devotion and spiritual integrity.

"Everybody I know says they need just one thing What they really mean is they need just one thing more And everybody seems to think they've got it coming Well I know that I don't deserve You Still I want to love and serve You more and more You're my one thing Save me from those things that might distract me Please take them away and purify my heart I don't want to lose the eternal for the things that are passing 'Cause what will I have when the world is gone If it isn't for the love that goes on and on

> My one thing You're my one thing And the pure in heart shall see God You're my one thing You're my one thing And the pure in heart shall see God

Every night and every day You hold on tight Or you drift away And you're left to live With the choices you make Oh Lord please give me the strength To watch and work and love and sing and pray

- How do we know if our heart is divided or "pure"?
- How do we unite our heart?

1. Choose

Choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" Joshua 24:15

Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people did not answer him a word. 1 Kings 18:21 Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the

Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; <u>for they loved the approval of men rather than the</u> <u>approval of God.</u> John 12:42-43

'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. Revelation 3:15-18

2. Burn the ships

Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "<u>If you return to the</u> <u>Lord with all your heart</u>, **remove the foreign gods** and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your hearts to the Lord and serve Him alone; and <u>He</u> <u>will</u> deliver you from the hand of the Philistines." 1 Samuel 7:3

3. Join the Church

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42

...let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25