



# The Heart of Worship

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**Matthew 15:8-9** "These people honor me with their lips, **but their hearts are far from me.** They worship me in vain

Worship that does not come from the heart is vain, empty...

...no worship

## What Is the Heart of Worship???

What is the inner experience of the heart that feasts on the glory of God in Christ and expresses how great and glorious He is????

**A Thirsty Soul**



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*“Thirst is an insatiable longing after one of the essentials of life. There is no reasoning with this longing, no forgetting it, no despising it, no overcoming it by stoical indifference. Thirst will be heard. The whole person must yield to its power. So it is with the divine desire that the grace of God creates.”*

*Charles Spurgeon*

**God has not only made you with physical thirst...  
...your physical thirst points to a much deeper soul thirst**

***We will all do one of two things with our thirst...***

***Jeremiah 2:13*** *"My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.*

**The soul was designed to thirst for God... *“You are MY God”***



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## **Thirsty Soul: longing for God (63:1)**

The heart of corporate worship is thirsty people coming together seeking soul-satisfaction in God & the encouragement that comes in that search with others

**God is honored when people know that they will die of thirst unless they have God in all of his glory**

## **Expectant Soul: anticipation that God will show up (63:2-5)**

God promises that those who hunger & thirst for Him will be filled  
*(Isaiah 55:1-2; Matthew 5:6; Revelation 22:17)*



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## Expectant Soul (63:2-5)

*“I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and glory” (63:2)*

*“Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.” (63:3)*

## Thirsting hearts are met by God

The thirsting image is changed into a feasting image

*“My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods.” (63:4)*

How do you know God will do this when we come together thirsting for Him???.....*John 7, The Feast of Tabernacles*



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## John 7....Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles

**Psalm 78:15-16** *He split the rocks in the desert and gave them water as abundant as the seas; he brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers.*



**John 7:37-39** *On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.*

