

The Heart Of Worship

Oil and water; black and white; night and day. These are all well known expressions to convey the thought of opposites that don't go together. Here, I want us to look at opposites as related to the heart of worship.

The church at Laodicea in Revelation Chapter 3, was a church wrapped up in materialism. Their earthly labors had not been in vain; they were a church of wealth, abundance and easy living. I have no doubt that their church was the biggest and had all the best things that money could supply. I am sure that each member of the congregation thought they had it all together. That their worship—with the best musicians, equipment, talent, and angelic sound—was totally pleasing to God and lacked nothing. But the Lord Jesus rebuked their smug self-reliance, saying they were blind, naked, and ready to be vomited out of His mouth because of their lukewarm hearts (i.e., worship).

Now contrast the self-reliance of Laodicea with Moses in Exodus Chapter

33. Here the Holy Spirit gives us a clear look into the heart of a true worshipper.

Think of how much Moses has been in the mighty presence of God. The burning bush, the miracles in Egypt, the 10 Commandments, the Tent of Meeting, speaking with God as face to face, etc. Yet all of this isn't enough—he desires *more!*

He hungers for more of God, his thirsting after God is unquenchable. No matter how much Moses has experienced God's glorious presence in his life, he is still desperate for even more!

That is the heart of a worshipper. That is the heart of one who will be called "*God's friend.*"

