

Worship that Grieves God
Isaiah 1:11-17
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Read Isaiah 1:1-31

1. The festivals, ceremonies and sacrifices God was rejecting were the very ones that He had commanded the people practice (ie. Leviticus).
 - a. So why was it that God took no pleasure in their worship?
 - b. Why did God call them meaningless, detestable and evil?
 - c. What did God call upon them to do first or instead of their rituals?
 - d. What does this say about worship of God?

2. What place or value do rituals have in your worship?
 - a. How do you keep yourself from separating love of God from love of others (cf. Luke 10:27)
 - b. Why do you think God links how we treat others to His perception of our worship of Him?

3. Reflect on these two statements about justice:
 - Justice is finding out what belongs to whom and returning it.
 - Justice is the act of instituting love for those people you don't know.
 - a. How do you respond to those statements?
 - b. How would acting in these ways be considered by God as worship?

4. From the reflections above, what could make your own formal worship more meaningful?

Scripture Memory:
Isaiah 1:17-18