

The Giver's Hand

by John Henry Jowett

The worth of our gifts to God is determined by the purity of our hearts and the cleanliness of our hands.

Scripture: Psalm 24:3, Proverbs 15:8, Isaiah 1:15, Matthew 5:8, 1 Timothy 2:8

Topics: "Pure Worship", "Heart Purity"

Description

John Henry Jowett emphasizes the importance of offering gifts to the Lord with clean hands, highlighting that God looks at the heart of the giver rather than the gift itself. He stresses the need for purity and cleanliness in our actions and offerings to God, as defilement can render even the most elaborate gifts unacceptable. Jowett urges the congregation to present everything to the Lord with pure intentions and a clean heart, as even the smallest offerings, when given sincerely, receive God's blessing and favor.

Transcript

GENESIS iv. 3-15.

Cain and Abel both brought an offering unto the Lord, but one was accepted and the other rejected. It is the giver who determines the worth or the worthlessness of the gift. God looks not at the gift, but at the hand that brings it. "Your hands are full of blood!" "Your hands are unclean!" The Lord demands "clean hands." He will not have our compliments if there is defilement behind them. Our courtesies are rejected if iniquity attends them. The shining gloss on the linen is an offence if the dirt looks through! Who cares for food if presented by unclean hands? "Be ye clean, ye that bear the vessels of the Lord!"

Every gift is welcome to the Lord if offered with clean hands. A mite, or a cup of cold water, or our daily labour, or the first-fruits of garden or

field--all receive the blessing of our God if the hands that bring them are free from defilement. So is it with everything we offer to the Lord. A song of praise makes sweet music in the hearing of our God if it come from pure lips! Purity, as Thomas a' Kempis says, gives the wings which carry everything into the Father's presence.

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