

**THE FINAL CHAPTER:
WORSHIP FOR DUMMIES**
Isaiah 66

The final chapter of Isaiah continues the themes throughout the book of warning and hope with direction on how we can properly worship God.

1. God doesn't depend on **HUMAN GIFTS** and **SACRIFICES**.

This is what the Lord says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the Lord. v1-2

2. God desires an open and honest relationship.

- True worshipers have a **HUMBLE HEART**.

"These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble..." v2

- True worshipers have a **REPENTANT SPIRIT**.

.....and contrite in spirit v2

3. God wants you to take his **WORD SERIOUSLY**.

"These are the ones I look on with favor: those....who tremble at my word." v2

4. God hates **PRETEND RELIGION**. v3

5. Get this right because there *will* be a **JUDGEMENT DAY**. v4-6, 15-17, 24

- ...but also a day when **EVERYTHING** will be **NEW**. v22
"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind." Isaiah 65.17ff

You have a choice: Will you choose to worship God or **DO YOUR OWN THING?**

They have chosen their own ways... Isaiah 66.3

The invitation from Jesus:

"Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?" Matthew 16.24-27 The Message

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?