

What's Your Attitude?

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There could be no more stark contrast in attitudes than that of King David's versus that of the Jews in Malachi's day. Notice the contrast:

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD'" (Psalms 122:1).

"You also say, 'Oh, what a weariness!' And you sneer at it,' Says the LORD of hosts...." (Malachi 1:13).

Having preached for forty-two years now, I have seen both attitudes displayed by brethren. There are those who cannot wait to get to the building for Bible class and worship, and who are *thrilled* to discuss God's Word, to hear God's Word preached and to meditate upon His precepts. Then there are those who profess to love the Lord, but every little excuse in the world keeps them from coming. They may not say, "Oh, what a weariness," but their conduct betrays their attitude. Some have a dark brown taste in their mouth on Sunday that absolutely prevents them from coming to worship, but on Monday morning, with that same dark brown taste, they rush off to work to make another dollar. They fail to see their inconsistency.

Why the difference in attitude? I believe it has everything to do with *faith* in one's heart. We do the things we *enjoy* doing, whether sick or well. The "seed" of God's Word has been planted in a heart, nourished by study and meditation, and grown up to a heart that truly trusts in God, looks to God for guidance in life. Remember David as a small lad was **incensed** when the heathen Goliath dared to defy the armies of the living God (1 Sam. 17:26)! He put his *words* and *deeds* where his faith rested. King Saul and David's older brothers must have been "*walking by sight*" because they were afraid and paralyzed by their fear.

Each one of us has a heart made to receive the Word of God, and nourish it in our souls. The decision to do so or not is up to each one of us, Romans 10:17.

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