

Homemade Religion

Sermon Series: *Snapped! When good people snap.*

CAIN'S SAD STORY:

Genesis 4/ Jude 11/ Hebrews 11:4/ 1 John 3:12-13

THE BIG QUESTION:

What was wrong with Cain's Sacrifice?

❶ It was bloodless

Romans 6:23/ Hebrews 9:22 & 10:1-10/ Hebrews 11:4-6

❷ It was less than his best

Proverbs 3:9-10/ Malachi 1:6-14/ Haggai 1:9

WHAT GOD WANTS TODAY:

Hebrews 11:6/ John 14:6/ Galatians 2:21/ 1 John 3:16/ 1 John 2:3-5 & Ephesians 2:8-10

Faith in Christ = Trusting God enough to do what He says

OUR OWN HOMEMADE RELIGIONS:

Four Substitutes God Won't Accept

❶ Good morals & good deeds

Romans 3:23/ Galatians 2:21/ Isaiah 64:6

❷ A clear conscience

1 Corinthians 4:4/ Jeremiah 17:9/ Proverbs 3:5-6

❸ Sincerity

John 4:23/ 1 Corinthians 10:20

❹ Religious rituals

Amos 5:21-24/ 1 Samuel 15:22 & Micah 6:6-8 & Psalm 51:16-17

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How do you maintain a healthy connection to God that weathers the tough patches of life?

2. Larry gave us six examples of how people fall into the trap of creating their "own homemade religion." In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus makes some pointed statements about how we can focus on one aspect of God's law, but miss the big picture of what God means. As you read each topic Jesus addresses, write down the law referred to, and what Jesus says they missed. Can you think of a specific modern-day example for each one? Is there one you need to be aware of in your own life?

Matthew 5:21-26

Matthew 5:27-29

(also see Philippians 4:8-9)

Matthew 5:31-32

Matthew 5:33-37

Matthew 5:38-42

Matthew 5:43-48

3. We saw this weekend that "trusting God enough to do what He says" is how we steer clear of creating our own religion. How does applying the following verses help you to put this into action?

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Hebrews 10:24-25

Hebrews 12:1-2

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