

Our Attitude Toward God

“I feel our attitude towards God is a very important thing.”

“It seems like one of the first steps towards heaven.”

Excerpt from a perceptive young girl's letter

What Is An Attitude?

- 4 a : a mental position with regard to a fact or state
 - b : a feeling or emotion toward a fact or state
- 7 a : a negative or hostile state of mind
 - b : a cocky or arrogant manner
 - Merriam-Webster, I. *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*. 10th ed. Springfield, Mass., U.S.A.: Merriam-Webster, 1996, c1993.
- Our mind can either be positioned towards God or away from God.
- In the Bible, the heart, is the term most often used for our understanding and focus on God.
 - Proverbs 2:2 *"So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; "*
 - Proverbs 23:26 *"My son, give me your heart, And let your eyes observe my ways. "*

David Focused His Heart On God

- **Psalm 63:1-8** " O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips. When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches. Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me. "

Our Hearts Must Seek God

- **Hebrews 11:6** *"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."*
- **Psalms 119:10** *"With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!"*
- **Joshua 24:23** *"Now therefore," he said, "put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord God of Israel."*
- **Jeremiah 11:6-8** ~ The hearts of Judah were not inclined to God, therefore they were punished according to their covenant.
- **Proverbs 20:9** *"Who can say, 'I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin'?"*
- **Acts 15:8-9** ~ Peter teaches that the hearts are purified by faith

With The Heart

- One Believes Unto Righteousness
 - Romans 10:10 *"For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."*
- Trusts In The LORD
 - Proverb 3:5 *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; "*
- Loves God
 - Matthew 22:37 *"Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'"*
- And Loves One Another
 - 1 Peter 1:22 *"Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,"*