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How we approach God in worship.

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People can:

- **Attend worship**
- **Speak spiritual language**
- **Make promises to God**
- **Appear devout**

...while their hearts remain unguarded, hurried, manipulative, or self-centered.



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The Preacher moves from observation to confrontation. He's no longer simply describing life's vapor — he's addressing God's people directly.

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Here's the danger:

Religion can be loud and still be hollow.

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You can sing loudly and not be listening.

You can pray publicly and not be trembling.

You can attend church weekly and never actually draw near.

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APPLICATION

- In the car or in the metro pray for your time with God and His people.
- In the five minutes before the service starts — instead of scrolling, pray.
- When you sing — ask, “Do I mean these words?”
- In small group prayer — listen before you jump in.
- In your personal devotions

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**In a world of vapor, worship must not become vapor.
Slow down. Listen.**



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*The danger here is not rebellion — it is impulsive religiosity.
The kind that feels sincere in the moment but evaporates in real life.*



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God is not impressed by passionate speech.

He is honored by faithful obedience.



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We are not crushed by Ecclesiastes 5

We are corrected by it — and driven to Christ by it.
Because the only reason we can approach the God who is in
heaven is that Christ has already secured our access.



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Vanity grows where reverence shrinks.

When God becomes small, life becomes thin.

When God becomes weighty again, worship becomes real.



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APPLICATION

**He requires that He become weightier in your imagination,
than your anxieties..**

- **When you make decisions about your career.**
- **When you choose how to spend your money.**
- **When you decide how to use your time in a transient city.**
- **When you are tempted to compromise integrity because “this is just a season.”**
- **When no one is watching.**



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When God is rightly feared, there is a proper posture of the heart in the presence of God. Words decrease, Obedience increases.



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Gospel Lent Conclusion

“Guard your steps.”

“Let your words be few.”

“God is in heaven and you are on earth.”

“Fear God.”



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