

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS
To Believe or Not!
Matthew 12:38-50 NIV
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Who does your heart trust?

THEY WANT A SIGN!

Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you."

Matthew 12:38 NIV

What sign would convince them?

He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

Matthew 12:39 NIV

The term adultery is used more of Israel's relationship with God than of a marriage relationship.

The second example of sign for this unbelieving generation is the Queen of Sheba. I Kings 10:1-12 NIV

She was a believer. That is your sign.

The Ninevites repented and believed. That is your sign.

OUR RELATIONAL HEART

"When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. ⁴⁴ Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. ⁴⁵ Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation."

Matthew 12:43-45 NIV

If you do not seek good healthy relationship with God the devil will fill the void in your spirit and heart.

CHANGED RELATIONSHIPS

He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"

Matthew 12:48 NIV

Jesus puts His relationship with God first and all other relationships SECOND.

Look at how Paul addresses this question of heart responsibility.

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Romans 1:18-20 NIV

When we reject God we reject the work of God.

"He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Luke 16:31 NIV

He loved us enough to send His Son to tell us all we need to know. He loved us enough to sacrifice His son on the cross to pay for our sins.