

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Love Well



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- 1) **Reality vs. Perception** – In reality, the children of Israel couldn't have been in a better place because God was clearly with them. So, why do they grumble?
- 2) **Two Problems** – there are many things that can impair our perception of God being with us and loving us. The Israelites appear to have a heart problem and a mind problem.
- 3) **The Angry Heart** – What are some reasons for an angry heart? Is there ever any excuse to stay that way?
- 4) **The Closed Off Mind** – It is a slave mentality that stems from fear. The Israelites responded to fear by remaining slaves in their minds, even though God set them free.
- 5) Hebrews 3 ¹² See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.
- 6) **God is with us** – but are we with Him? In Jesus Christ we have more freedom than the Israelites ever had, but do we succumb to anger, fear, or the

influence of the world or the enemy and allow our hearts to remain angry and our minds shut to Him?

- 7) **How do we "remain" in Jesus? By Loving Him** - Deuteronomy 6 ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.
- 8) **How do we show our love for Jesus?**
Psalm 95: ⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; ⁷ for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

What is our "true and proper worship?"

Romans 12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

- 9) **Freedom for Hearts and Minds** – Love Jesus with all of your heart, mind, and strength. Worship, in Spirit and truth. Be transformed by His Holy Spirit and let the Lord set your hearts and minds free in Him.