

Worth the read...

Who doesn't enjoy a "behind the scenes peek" of the how's and what's and why's, especially, when the curtain is pulled back and the Author lets us see things through His eyes? No gimmicks and no games here.

Hold on to your seat... this just may blow you away. I find it fascinating.

"What could you build Me that would impress Me? You building something for Me does not excite Me at all. What gets My attention? Someone who knows they

are poor and empty without Me. They who need Me more than life itself, because they are empty and have no life in themselves, therefore, they take Me, My word and My ways more serious than anything. This is the person that gets my attention, My eye is upon them..." (Isaiah 66:1-2).

The above is a paraphrase of the thoughts and mind of God, from Isaiah 66:1-2... a peek into how He sees us and what we do.

Notice what then follows in verses 3 and 4. In verses 1 and 2 He established the condition of a servant that is

acceptable and a delight to Him. Then He begins to reveal to us the way He sees the sacrifices of men that have an unacceptable heart and life... this is crucially important, listen carefully. People who are not in tune with Him, that are simply going through the motions that are required, but have a heart full of themselves, are not the kind of people that delight the heart of God. The specifics about their offering and prayer can be both [right and wrong] at the exact same time. When? When their heart is not right. If God doesn't accept us, He will NOT accept what we bring to Him. And He will

NOT appreciate or accept what we do, say or offer, when our heart is not right with Him. You have to read this for yourselves. Listen to the following verses... they help us see it the way He sees it.

Isaiah 66:3-4

He that kills an ox [for Me, but is not right with Me, I see it ], as if he murdered a man; he that sacrifices a lamb [for Me, but is not right with Me, I see it ], as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offers a grain offering [for Me, but is not right with Me, I see it ], as if he offered swine's blood; he that burns incense [for Me, but is not right with

Me, I see it ], as if he blessed an idol. Yea, because they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before My eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.

Wow! What God just did here was graciously let us see how He sees people differently, and what they do, based upon the one condition of them either being right or wrong before Him. There's no other

condition for us to be in:  
we're either right with Him or  
we're not.

Also, He left no one out, He covered every economic situation that someone may find themselves in. For example, those who had bulls and lambs would bring them accordingly but those who couldn't afford a bull or a lamb could bring a grain offering. And those who were the poorest of the society, that had no grain to offer, could find a way to bring incense. No one was excluded from the offering, yet if their heart didn't meet the conditions of verse 2, their offering, no matter how

large or small, was an abomination to the Lord.

What would seem to be an acceptable offering from a sinner became something else in the eyes of God. A man with an unacceptable heart before the Lord could offer a bull, but God said He would see it as if he murdered a man. Why?

Because that man had made a choice to live life his own way, and he'd only turn to religion, as he needed and would use God when it would benefit himself, but his trust and life were not surrendered to Him. And when that man needed a token of religion in an

attempt to clear his conscience and make himself feel accepted, he would make an offering to God, but he was a not man or woman that was in love with the Lord nor did he or she really serve Him.

The sad thing is this... I think a good majority of people live this way today. But it doesn't work... it never has that way with the Lord... and I'm grateful for passages like this that help us see how He sees us and what I do for Him.

God is saying we can't build, boast or bring ANYTHING, even our prayers are

unacceptable, when we, ourselves, are not right with Him.

I'm thanking Jesus this morning for making it possible for us to be made acceptable, and for gracing us with the means necessary to embrace and experience our desperate need of Him.

Praising Him for His sacrifice and His royal blood that was shed for me, glory, to the praise and glory of His matchless and redeeming grace!!!

Thank You Lord!