

TRUE FAITH SACRIFICES

John 12:20-26

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INTRODUCTION: VARIATIONS ON A THEME

Lee Evans on Variations in Music

Theme and variations in Western art music is a musical form in which after the first statement of a theme, modifications or elaborations of it occur with each subsequent statement of that theme. In those subsequent statements, certain elements of the theme are retained, while others are altered. Ordinarily, enough are retained in order for the listener to be able to perceive the relationship of the modified statements to the original.

The Gospel of John is known for introducing themes in the first chapters that he weaves into the story throughout the Gospel.

I. THE SCOPE OF HIS MISSION

John 1:10, 11

Matthew 10:5, 6; 15:24

II. THE HOUR OF HIS MISSION

John 2:4; 4:21, 23; 5:25, 28; 7:30; 8:20; 12:23, 27; 13:1

? What is the hour toward which the Gospel of John marches?

III. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF JOHN

? What does it mean to believe in Jesus?

John 20:31

but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that by believing you may have life in His name.

John 2:25

Genuine Faith		
John 3	Born of the Spirit	Loves the Light (obeys)
John 4		True Worship (in spirit and truth)
		Based on the Word of Christ
		Believes What Jesus Says
John 5		Believes That Jesus is God
		Focused on Jesus' Word
John 6	Is Drawn By The Father	Focuses On Jesus Not Earthly Things
	Is Not Cast Out	Not Obsessed With Signs
		Continues With Jesus
John 7		Doesn't Judge By Appearances
John 8		Abides In Christ's Word (obeys)
John 9		Displays Humility
		Understands Helplessness
John 10		Focuses Exclusively on Christ
		Hears the Voice of Jesus
John 11		Trusts God's Providence
		Understands God Works For His Glory
Joh 12		Isn't Concerned With What The World Finds Acceptable

A. TRUE FAITH SACRIFICES

1. If You Love This Life, You Lose it

Psalm 17

2. If You Hate This Life, You Keep It

Luke 18

B. TRUE FAITH SERVES

1. True Faith Works For God's Priorities
2. True Faith Works For God's Honor

CONCLUSION: OUR TIME IS NOW

We talked about Jesus' hour coming, there is an hour coming for us and it now is.

John 16:2, 4, 32

Mark 8:31-38

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.

Romans 12:1, 2; Galatians 2:20

APPLICATION

? How do you know if you are truly sacrificing for Jesus?

Look at what you love.

What takes most of your:

Time

Treasure

Talent

Talk

Thought