

## **I'm Not Getting Anything Out Of It!**

Intro: In our Psalms 119 class last week, we were observing how the writer really felt such a strong love and respect for the words of God. He seemed to be moved by just hearing them. In contrast, someone commented that, too often, people believe they need something exciting or moving to get anything out of a study of the Bible or a worship service to God. What causes us to be drawn to the thinking found in our title?

1. Maybe we're not as excited about God's word as we should be. See Psalm 119:73-80.
  - A. You have fashioned me. Give me understanding so I can learn your commandments.
  - B. People will be glad to see me because I have hoped in your word.
  - C. I know your merciful kindness and find comfort according to your word.
  - D. Your law is my delight.
  - E. When people lie about me, I meditate on your word.
  - F. Let those who fear you turn to me. Those who know your testimonies.
  - G. Let my heart be blameless regarding your statutes so I will not be ashamed.
  
2. Maybe much that passes as worship has become more about us. (See John 4:23-24)
  - A. Focus groups are used by some churches to find out what people want.
  - B. Too often, we want the service to move us, stimulate or inspire us.
  - C. Worship of God, by its very nature, cannot be about us. Think about it!
  - D. Why shouldn't we react to "good worship" like a "good concert"?
  - E. What trick did the serpent use on the first humans? See Genesis 3:1-4.
  
3. Does "what we get out of anything in the moment" determine its value?
  - A. Child rearing? Diaper changing? Food Preparation? Work? Recycling?
  - B. Was Paul getting anything out of his "thorn"? See 2 Corinthians 13:7-10
  - C. Was Jesus getting anything out of his walk to his crucifixion? Matt.27:26ff
  - D. Should I come to a worship of God to "get stuff"? Then why come?
  - E. What did Paul say Jesus said in Acts 20:35?
  - F. What is the difference between these two "loves": Phileo and Agape.

Conclusion: What is the point of the Lord's Supper? To focus on God, his greatness, his love and the greatest gift we could ever "get"? Observe what the gift did for Paul and how he wanted to live. See Philippians. 3:10 & Romans 5:1-4. Was the attitude of the Psalm 119 writer intended to be OK just for him? If you are not inspired by worship, I beg you, please look more at your own heart (Is it ungrateful?) to see if that's why you're "not getting anything out of it".