

CONSECRATED

PEOPLE

~~**DESECRATION**~~

~~**DECORATION**~~

DEDICATION

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:
36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

MATTHEW 22

37 Jesus replied:
“Love the Lord your
God with all your
heart and with all
your soul and with all
your mind.’ 38 This is
the first and greatest
commandment.
39 And the second is
like it: ‘Love your
neighbor as
yourself.’ 40 All the
Law and the
Prophets hang on
these two
commandments.”

MATTHEW 22

CONSECRATION

personal churches movement



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A CALL TO CONSECRATION

- A call from our new national leader to ‘humbly bow in surrender and service’**
- Whole life holiness and surrender to The Lord**
- Commitment to loving and serving Him with all our heart, mind, soul and strength**

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.

DEUTERONOMY 6

**6 These
commandments
that I give you
today are to be on
your hearts.**

**7 Impress them
on your children.
Talk about them
when you sit at
home and when
you walk along
the road, when
you lie down and
when you get up.**

DEUTERONOMY 6

8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.
9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

DEUTERONOMY 6

THE ROAD TO BLESSING TOGETHER

- God's ways are not rules to keep, but a lifestyle to thrive in**
- We need constant help to remember and to embody them**
- We do this in community**

**AS JOSHUA CALLED
ISRAEL TO DEVOTION
BEFORE THEY MOVED
INTO THE PROMISED
LAND, SO WE ARE
BEING CALLED TO
DEVOTION TO THE
LORD WHO IS
WORTHY OF IT ALL**

15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

JOSHUA 24

DESEGRATION

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- God's people have always had to fight a tendency for contamination & compromise to rob them of righteousness**
- The OT is a cycle of repentance & rebellion**
- Are our lives too?**

18 Whenever the Lord raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the Lord relented because of their groaning under those who oppressed and afflicted them.

JUDGES 2

19 But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their ancestors, following other gods and serving and worshiping them.

JUDGES 2

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- This is usually called the ‘Cycle of Redemption’ (from our natural tendency toward rebellion)
- Note: more than a ‘Cycle of repentance’
- Redemption is always God’s heart

1 But the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted things; Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the Lord's anger burned against Israel.

JOSHUA 7

~~DESECRATION~~

- Achan's blatant disobedience to The Lord impacted the whole community**
- God does not want part of us, he is worthy of it all**
- Christ is our all**

**THE LORD HAS NEVER
NEEDED IMPRESSIVE
TEMPLES OR
EXPENSIVE
OFFERINGS, HE
DESERVES OUR
HEARTS...**

...AND THE REST!

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.

1 CORINTHIANS 6

DECORATION

6 For I desire
steadfast love
and not
sacrifice,
the knowledge
of God rather
than burnt
offerings.

HOSEA 6

~~DECORATION~~

- We must fervently avoid ‘pharisaical’ deception**
- We can preach the law and look spiritual, but religion is nothing without relationship**
- This was at the heart of Jesus’ teaching...**

2 “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honoured by others... 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing...”

MATTHEW 6

5 “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners...6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father...”

MATTHEW 6

16 “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting... 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face...”

MATTHEW 6

~~DECORATION~~

- **‘It’s what is inside that counts’**
- **We must steer away from the desire to appear spiritual**
- **We must steer our lives toward the heart of God**

**7 The Lord
does not look
at the things
people look at.
People look at
the outward
appearance,
but the Lord
looks at the
heart.**

1 SAMUEL 16

DEDICATION



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**'DEDICATION'S
WHAT YOU NEED IF
YOU WANT TO BE
A JESUS SEEKER'**

(DISCLAIMER: LESS CHEESY PASTORS ARE AVAILABLE)

**3 “You shall
have no other
gods before
me.**

EXODUS 20

DEDICATION

- God is calling us to complete dedication and devotion
- Not for His own sake, but because of His love and mercy
- Christ as shown us what total dedication looks like

39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

MATTHEW 26

DEDICATION

- It is in view of all that Christ has done for us that we give our lives
- Not to earn His love
- Because He has lavished His love upon us

1 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.

ROMANS 12

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.

ROMANS 12

**THIS IS A CALL TO
MOVE FROM
DESECRATION,
AVOIDING
DECORATION,
INTO DEDICATION**