

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

(Hebrews 4:12)

TRUE WORSHIP vs HYPOCRITICAL RITUALISM

(Isaiah 66:1–4)

1 Thus says the Lord: “Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?”

2 For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist,” says the Lord. “But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.”

TRUE WORSHIP vs HYPOCRITICAL RITUALISM

(Isaiah 66:1–4)

3 “He who kills a bull is as if he slays a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, as if he breaks a dog’s neck; he who offers a grain offering, as if he offers swine’s blood; he who burns incense, as if he blesses an idol. Just as they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations,

4 so will I choose their delusions, and bring their fears on them; because, when I called, no one answered, when I spoke they did not hear; but they did evil before My eyes, and chose that in which I do not delight.”

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(Isaiah 66:1–4)

1. God's Denouncement *(v 1)*

1 Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?"

"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

(1 Corinthians 6:19,20)

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2. God's Delight (v 2)

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*“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit,
a broken and a contrite heart;
these, O God, You will not despise.”*

(Psalm 51:17)

“trembles”

“awe and reverence in Spirit–wrought obedience”

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3. God's Detestation (vv 3,4)

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“abominations” – “of great disgust in God’s eyes”

“delusions” – “false hopes”

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- 1. God's Denouncement**
- 2. God's Delight**
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*"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him
must worship in spirit and truth."*

(John 6:24)