

# THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

## Vain Worship

Are we offering lip service to God or are we fully devoted to worshipping Him? In Matthew 15:8-9, Jesus said, *"This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."* There are many who talk about how much they love God. Perhaps they even go to church on Sunday. However, when we go out into the world, does what we say reflect how we act?

James describes this attitude of double-tongued, hypocritical living as a spring that pours forth both salt and fresh water (Jas. 3:10-11). Your worship will be in vain if

you are not worshipping God as He has commanded. You are sinning if one minute, you claim to be serving the Almighty God and the next minute, you are commanding and teaching things that are found nowhere in the Scriptures. This is the kind of hypocrisy that Jesus repeatedly condemned in the New Testament (Matt. 12:34). Why do we think it will be any different for us if we teach *"as doctrines the commandments of men"* just as the Pharisees did? Let us make sure that in all things, our worship and service to God corresponds to the truth (Jn. 4:24).

### Service Times:

Sunday: 10 am,  
10:45 am & 5 pm  
Wednesday: 7 pm

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