

# Over Coming Your Temptations

**"My Spirituality Will Save Me"**



*Ecclesiastes 5:1-6*

" Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong."

Ecclesiastes 5:1



He watched the worshipers come and go, praising God, praying, sacrificing, and making vows. He noted that many of them were not at all sincere in their worship, and they left the sacred precincts in worse spiritual condition than when they had entered.

What was their sin?

They were robbing God of the  
reverence and honor  
that He deserved.



Their acts of worship were perfunctory,  
insincere, and hypocritical.

"Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah! "The multitude of your sacrifices— what are they to me?" says the Lord. "I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts?"

**Stop bringing meaningless offerings!"**



Isaiah 1:10-13

Solomon  
Addressed  
Aspects  
Worship



## Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

- Sacrifices and Offerings (v. 1)
- Prayer (vs. 2-3)
- Vows (vs. 4-7)

Sometimes we practice a make-believe religion that neither glorifies God nor builds Christian character.

# King Saul...

Although you were  
once small in your  
own eyes...



"But Samuel replied: "Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king."

I Samuel 15:22-23

"Your wickedness will punish you; your backsliding will rebuke you. Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the Lord your God and have no awe of me," declares the Lord, the Lord Almighty."

Jeremiah 2:19

