

Why Are You Here?

Mt 6:1-4

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Thesis: I want to ask the question, why are you here and look at how the Bible answers the question.

- Intro:
1. What is the reason for you being here today?
 2. There are lots of possibilities but how would you answer that question?

I. Spiritual Illnesses & their symptoms as outlined by Christ (Matthew 6)

- A. To be praised
 1. The warning (**v.1**)
 2. The admonishment (**v.2-4**)
- B. To be Seen
 1. The warning (**v.5**)
 2. The admonishment (**v.6-8**)
- C. To appear holy or righteous
 1. The warning (**v.16**)
 2. The admonishment (**v.17-18**).

II. Spiritual Illnesses & their symptoms today

- A. I'm here for a selfish reason(s)
 1. I'm here because I need something
 - a. Could need a favor
 - b. Could be because of a meal
 - c. Could be just to run at the mouth...
 1. *In a conversation or perhaps in a class...*
 - a. **Eph 4:29**
 2. The church fulfills the needs of the Christian, but it is not designed by Christ to fulfill our wants (**James 4:3**)
- B. Well I'm here...
 1. I'm here but I could not be less interested (**Mt 15:8c**)
 - a. Are there other ways someone's heart can be far from God... Yes!
 1. I don't sing
 2. I don't pay attention to prayers
 3. When I do contribute financially, I give whatever I have... LEFTOVER
 4. I do not listen to any lesson presented
 5. I don't attend other "events" of the church
 2. My attendance is the maximum I am willing to give each week.

III. Lessons for Us Today

- A. Why should you be here?
 1. Because you love the Lord!
 - a. **Romans 5:6, Psalm 116:1-2**

B. Because He Made a Way for You
1. **Lamentations 3:21-25**

Application & Conclusion:

1. Remember the words of the Apostle Paul in **Galatians 6:7-8**
2. Remember the words of the Psalmist (**Ps 145:20**)
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9