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God is always present when we worship Him, but you can desire to see Him in His glory and in His beauty and in His wonder and never see Him.

True worship is heart worship.

"A true heart is a heart that desires to be with God and to live unto Him." - Adolph Saphir

"In man's nature, the heart is the central power. As the heart is, so is the man. Our inmost being must in truth be yielded to Him. It is only as the desire of the heart is fixed upon God, the whole heart seeking for God, giving its love and finding its joy in God, that a man can draw nigh to God." – Andrew Murray

If you seek for a true heart with all your heart, you will receive it. It is entirely your decision.

God's callings are God's enablings. He lives in you by His spirit to meet His own demands.

God must be your goal. He must be your aim. He must be your all. He must be your life. Because what is eternal life? Knowing God. (John 17:3)

Whenever God tests a man, it's because He wants to bless him.

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Before Abraham can obey, he must surrender 3 things:

1) *His intellect* – This just doesn't make sense. It defies the understanding. All depends upon Isaac. He's the miracle child. Why put him to death if He's going to raise him up?

2) His affection/emotions – He loved Isaac so he must surrender his emotions.

3) *His will* – He must will to do the will of God in preference to His own will.

That means death to what you want in order that you might have what God wants.

God speaks. God reveals to you what He desires you to do by His Spirit. The response must be obedience. Unquestioning, unhesitating obedience.

No man can be filled with the Spirit unless he has a true heart. No man can worship God acceptably unless he has a true heart. And no man can serve God effectively unless he has a true heart.

When did you build the altar? When did you lay yourself on the altar, your intellect, emotion and will, to be God's man, God's woman?

"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him." - CT Studd

"If I am not Lord of all, I am not Lord at all."

"A true heart is a broken heart. It's a heart broken from self and given to God."

