



## ***“Worthless Religion”***

Isaiah 58:1-4 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon  
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***Introduction*** - *The apostle James describes worthless religion as not applying in practice the things we hear God speaking in His word. In Isaiah 58 God confronts the worthless religion being acted out in Israel. There are some lessons for us.*

### ***I. A Common Problem.***

A. God sounds the alarm!

1. “Trespases”
2. “Sins”

B. Religion for the wrong reasons.  
A problem of the heart.

C. Hearts not right in their relationship with God:

1. Worshiping the “pagan” way.
2. Religion to look good and feel good.

3. External observance, without any internal transformation.

D. Religion for the right purposes.

1. Relationship: Getting closer to God.
2. Renewal: Becoming more like God.

### ***Conclusion – Lessons for today:***

1. Examine our heart.
2. Be honest.
3. Ask God to change our heart.
4. The next religious thing we do . . .
5. The hope of Glory: