



### **TO WHAT PURPOSE IS THIS WASTE?**

Beloved, consider how much time people waste in watching television, in socializing, in chatting with friends - in the pursuit of pleasure! Yet, people object to, giving sufficient time to worshipping God. O the indifference and apathy of people! They consider the time spent on the worship of the Most High to be a waste of time! It is an absolute waste, they say. But, we have a Lord who is 'a discerner of the thoughts and the intents of the heart' of man. This truth should govern our actions and responses to Him. What men would call waste is true worship unto the Lord. Our thoughts are not His thoughts, neither are our ways His ways.

The disciples failed to perceive that which the woman had perceived. They failed to offer Jesus the kind of worship that she had offered. Their thoughts, unlike her thoughts, were revolving around who would sit at His right and left in His kingdom! And they only talked of how they would rule and reign in that kingdom, while the Lord went hungry for worship! He remained worship-hungry even in the midst of His disciples! He was looking for true worshippers then, just as the Father is looking for true worshippers today – for worshippers like this woman and for worship such as this woman offered. The disciples were around Jesus all the time, yet Jesus remained worship-hungry! They were caught up with many other activities; their thoughts were filled with many other issues and considerations such as, who would sit on the left; who would sit on the right, who would use the power of God; who among them would destroy the city that would be disobedient to God; who would deal with the city

### **Scripture**

*“There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat. But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor. When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial. Verily I say unto you, Whersoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.”*

that dishonored God's Word; who would bring the fire from Heaven; and so on and so forth. It is because they had such attitudes and thoughts that they condemned the woman's actions and considered it a monumental waste. They walked alongside the Lord, but the Lord went worship-hungry!

Many people consider worship time as unproductive. But when one is caught up with Him, things are very different. Then, all things other than worshipping Him, seem to be a waste! I know a person who actually considers every work other than an obedient activity to the Lord to be an entire waste! He asks the Lord's pardon if he wastes his time on any other service. This is the reality. When your heart is drawn towards Him, the time in His presence is not a time that has been wasted. It is a time that belongs to eternity: **it is a time that shall reappear in eternity.** Selah! It is not a waste by any standard except that of the earthly man. What people call a waste, God would call precious. Let us not live for man but live unto the Lord and be conscious of what He is doing in our midst in these days. Let us be given to the Lord and His workings, individually and corporately.

**Ponder over this!**

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is true worship unto the Lord.**

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