



Week 2

Give me an undivided heart that I might fear Your name; —Psalm 86:11b



Notes

Scripture References This Lesson

Psalm 86:11-13
 Psalm 19:14
 Jeremiah 32:38-40
 Mark 12:30
 Psalm 51:10
 Matthew 6:21,33
 Colossians 2:6-10
 Colossians 3:1-3
 Psalm 19:14
 Psalm 27:8
 1 Chronicles 16:11
 Psalm 34:10
 Psalm 119:10-11, 36-37
 Psalm 73:25-26
 1 Corinthians 6:17
 Proverbs 3:5-6
 Proverbs 4:23
 Colossians 3:16
 John 17:20-26
 Psalm 46:10
 John 9:31
 John 10:25-30
 Matthew 14:13
 Mark 1:35

undivided - yāḥad (H3161)
 to be (or become) one;
 join, unite; refers to enter-
 ing into the plan or think-
 ing of a group, uniting
 with them.

zeteo (G2212)
 to find out by thinking,
 meditating, reasoning; to
 seek, to crave.

darash (H1875)
 to tread or frequent; to
 resort to; usually to follow
 (for pursuit or search); by
 implication, to seek or
 ask; specifically to wor-
 ship.

Preparing Our Hearts

What does it mean to have an undivided heart?

How do we cultivate an undivided heart?

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Mark 12:30, Psalm 51:10, Matthew 6:21, 33, Colossians 2:6-10, Colossians 3:1-3, Psalm 19:14, Psalm 27:8, 1 Chronicles 16:11, Psalm 34:10, Psalm 119:10-11, Psalm 119:36-37

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batah (H982)

to trust, trust in to have confidence, be confident to be bold to be secure

pistis (G4102)

belief with the predominate idea of trust (or confidence) whether in God or in Christ, springing from faith in the same; fidelity, faithfulness the character of one who can be relied on; the conviction that God exists and is the creator and ruler of all things, the provider and bestower of eternal salvation through Christ; a strong and welcome conviction or belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God.

guard - nāṣar (H5341)

a verb meaning to guard, to keep, to observe, to preserve, to hide. The word refers to people's maintaining things entrusted to them, especially to keeping the truths of God in both actions and mind (Ps. 119:100, 115). God's Word is to be kept with our whole hearts (Ps. 119:69).

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Psalm 73:25-26, 1 Corinthians 6:17, Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 4:23, Colossians 3:16, John 17:20-26

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Psalm 46:10, John 9:31, John 10:25-30, Matthew 14:13, Mark 1:35

United or Divided?

Mary

Joseph

Zechariah

Elizabeth

Shepherds

Herod

Wise Men

Simeon

Anna

"But of late, God has been pleased to keep my soul hungry, almost continually; so that I have been filled with a kind of pleasing pain. When I really enjoy God, I feel my desires of him the more insatiable, and my thirstings after holiness the more unquenchable; and the Lord will not allow me to feel as though I were fully supplied and satisfied, but keeps me still reaching forward. I feel barren and empty, as though I could not live without more of God; I feel ashamed and guilty before him. Oh! I see that 'the law is spiritual, but I am carnal.' I do not, I cannot live to God.

Oh for holiness! Oh for more of God in my soul! Oh this pleasing pain! It makes my soul press after God; the language of it is, 'Then shall I be satisfied, when I awake in God's likeness,' (Ps 17:15) but never, never before: and consequently I am engaged to 'press towards the mark' day by day. O that I may feel this continual hunger, and not be retarded, but rather animated by every cluster from Canaan, to reach forward in the narrow way, for the full enjoyment and possession of the heavenly inheritance! O that I may never loiter in my heavenly journey! These insatiable desires after God and holiness continued the two next days, with a great sense of his own exceeding unworthiness, and the nothingness of the things of this world." -David Brainerd, *The Life and Diary of David Brainerd*, ed. Jonathan Edwards.

- **Is your heart divided?** When have you refused to pay attention to God's Word, turned a stubborn shoulder and been hard hearted? In what areas do you need softening of the heart this season? Read the following verses and note what you learn regarding a divided, hard or stubborn heart towards God: Malachi 1:6-7, 3:6-9, 2:10-17; Zechariah 7:11-13 and Amos 8:11.

- **Read Isaiah 9:6-7 and Psalm 85.** What similarities do you find between this psalm and Isaiah 9:7? Look particularly at verses 8-13. In these verses, several of God's attributes are personified. What are they pictured doing? How do these expressions find their fulfillment in Christ?

- **Read Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23 and John 1:1, 14-18.** Immanuel, God with us –how does this name fit Jesus? How does this relate to and help us to have an undivided heart?

- **Read Matthew 1 and 2.** List all the unexpected changes and challenges that Joseph faced. How did he respond? Changes and challenges often divide our hearts and tempt us to place our trust in someone or something other than God. What changes and challenges are you facing this season? What can you learn from Joseph's response that you can apply to your own challenges?

- **Read Luke 2:15-20.** What does it mean to treasure something up? What have you treasured up and pondered in your heart about Jesus? Are we too busy and distracted to ponder things in our hearts? Don't miss out on all that God has to show you.

Contemplate His Greatness! Find an area in your home where you can create a Contemplate His Greatness! board. It could be a bulletin board, chalkboard, dry erase board, notebook –any place that is prominent and accessible on a daily basis. Have each family member make a point to record daily an aspect of God's greatness (His character and ways) that He reveals to you through His Word and His working in your life.