

Heart Attitudes for the Worship Choir

II. THE FRUSTRATION: IDOLATRY

A. Idolatry, which is seeking to be satisfied in objects other than God, is an ever present enemy (frustration) of true worship. C.S. Lewis once said, *“We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an arrogant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at sea. We are far too easily pleased.”*

B. Idolatry can occur internally while worshipping God externally.

“So these nations feared the Lord and also served their carved images. Their children did likewise, and their children’s children – as their fathers did, so they do to this day” (2 Kings 17:41).

C. Idolatry and the worship of God are mutually exclusive.

“No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:13).

D. Idolatry is radically man-centered.

“Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love” (Jonah 2:8).

E. God has promised to transform our hearts.

“And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live” (Deuteronomy 10:6).