

# SERMON

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On the

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# MOUNT

JESUS CONSIDERS  
CHARACTER AND  
CONDUCT

JESUS CONSIDERS  
CHARACTER BEFORE  
CONDUCT

JESUS CONSIDERS  
CHARACTER WHICH  
CAUSES CONDUCT

# Sermon Transition

- First section – Character of Kingdom of Heaven Citizens
- Second section – Contrast between two types of righteousness
- Third section – What we do with Kingdom of Heaven Citizen righteousness.

# How to do?

- How we give. 6:2-4
- How to pray. 6:5-15
- How to fast. 6:16-18
- How to have 6:19-21
- How to want 6:22-24
- How to plan 6:25-34
- How to judge 7:1-5

# Take Heed

- **Beware of the danger**
- **Be careful**
- **Listen up**
- **Pay special attention to this**
- **Focus here.**

This is the main point of the entire sermon

## Matthew 6:1

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.”

## Matthew 7:6

Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

Kingdom of Heaven Conduct - Action

Kingdom of Heaven Conscience - Motive

Kingdom of Heaven Character - Being

**Kingdom of Heaven Citizen**

# Causality

Why do we do the things we do?

Why would we want to give money to the poor?

Why would we want to pray?

Why would we want to fast?

Why would we want to live frugally?

Why would we want not worry?

Why would we want to judge others?

What is the reason for this Kingdom of Heaven  
Citizenship?

What is the reason for this righteousness beyond the  
Pharisees?

WHY?

*Roots*







Extrinsic

External

Introjected

Guilt

Intrinsic

Internal

Identified

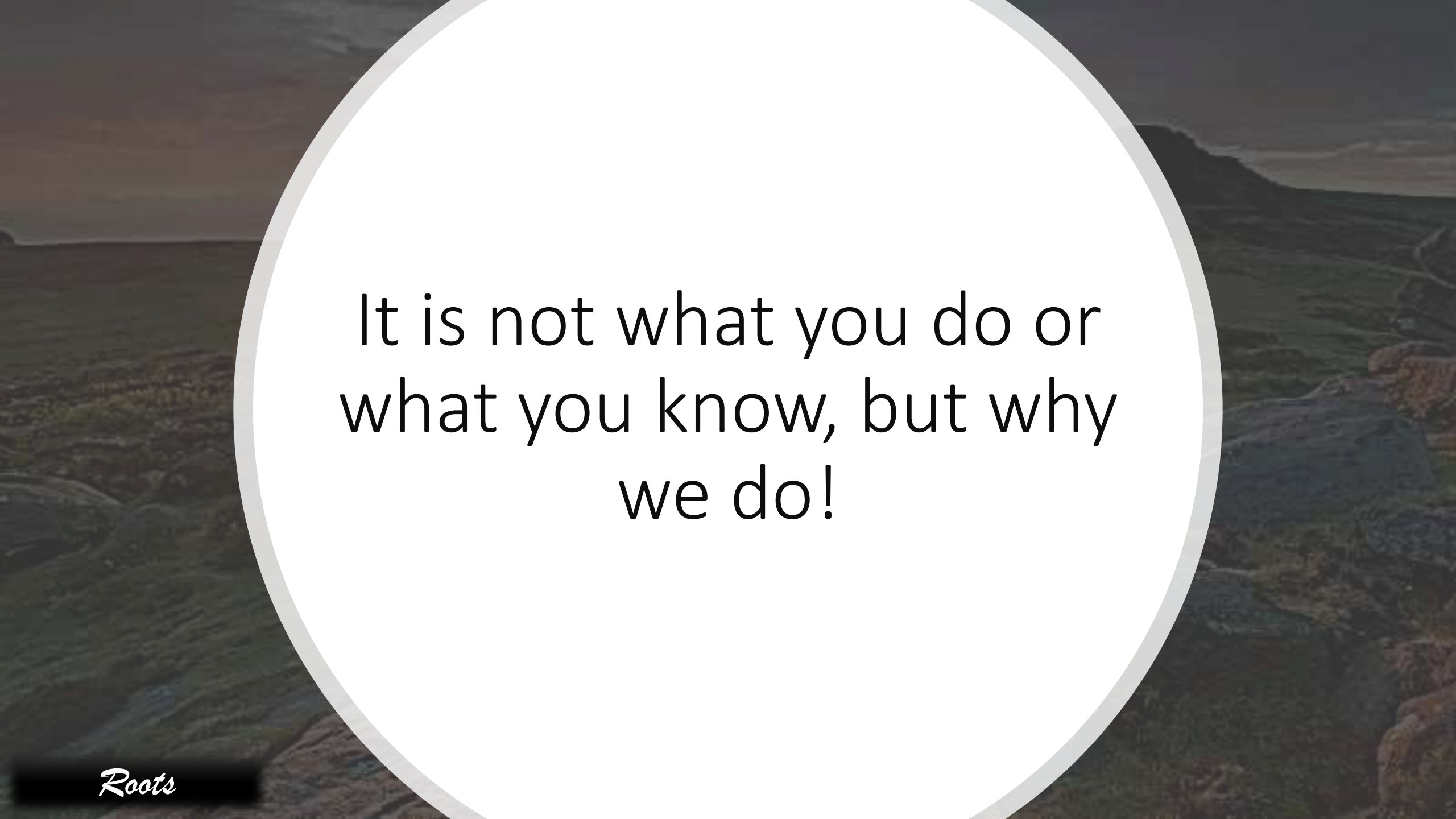
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## Pattern of doing reveals the why of doing

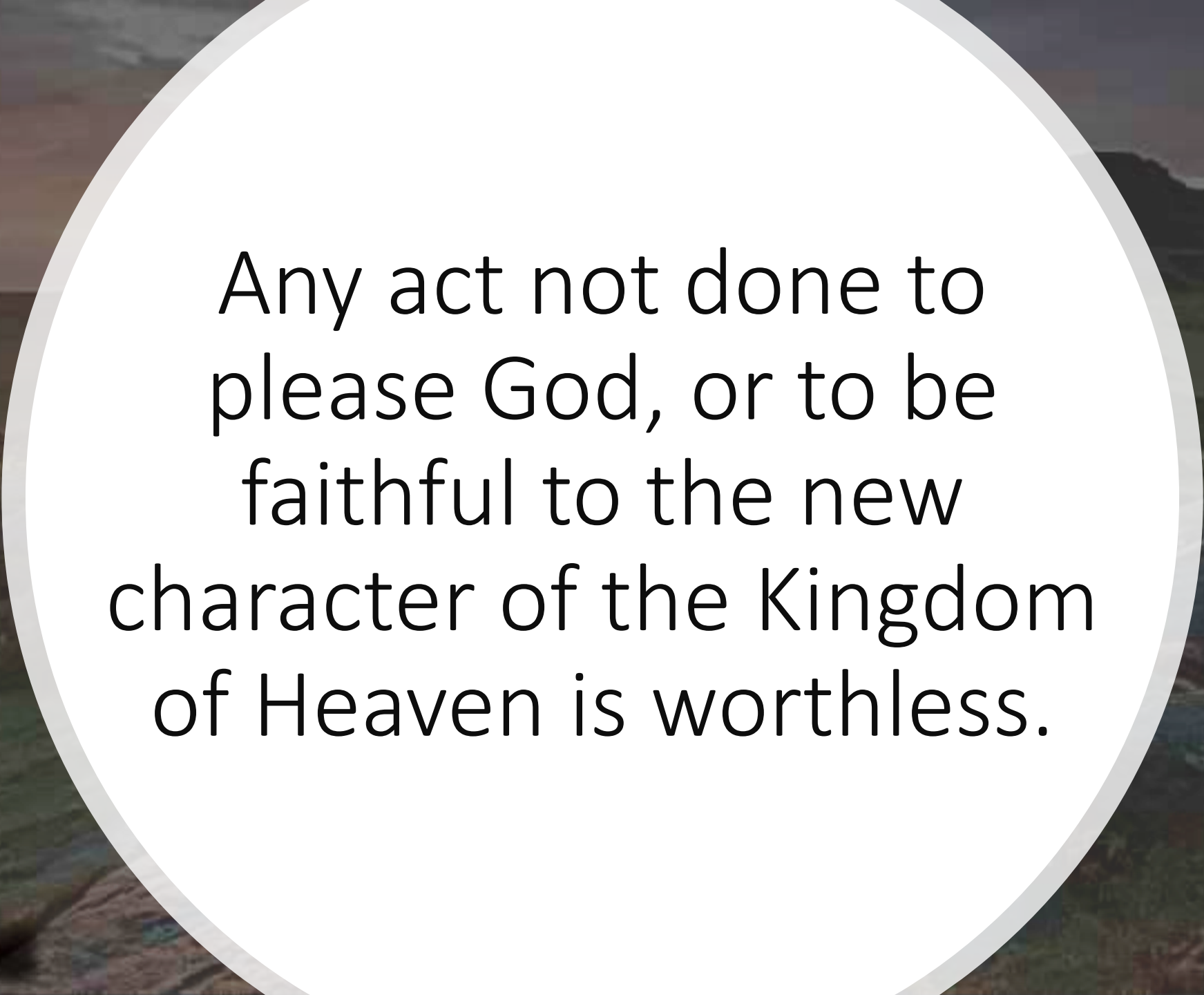
- We give in private and God is pleased
  - We pray in private and God is pleased
  - We fast in private and God is pleased
  - We live a frugal lifestyle and God is pleased
  - We focus on the good and God is pleased
  - We stop worrying and God is pleased
  - We don't judge unworthily, and God is pleased
- PATTERN:
    - Hypocritical act – “DO NOT”
      - Displayed piety
      - Artificial nature
      - Phony
      - They have their reward
    - Proper intention
      - Intent of the act
      - Righteousness is exhibited
      - Righteousness is expressed

The how to do,  
must be a supernatural  
outflow of the why.

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It is not what you do or  
what you know, but why  
we do!



Any act not done to  
please God, or to be  
faithful to the new  
character of the Kingdom  
of Heaven is worthless.

# Our aim – to please God

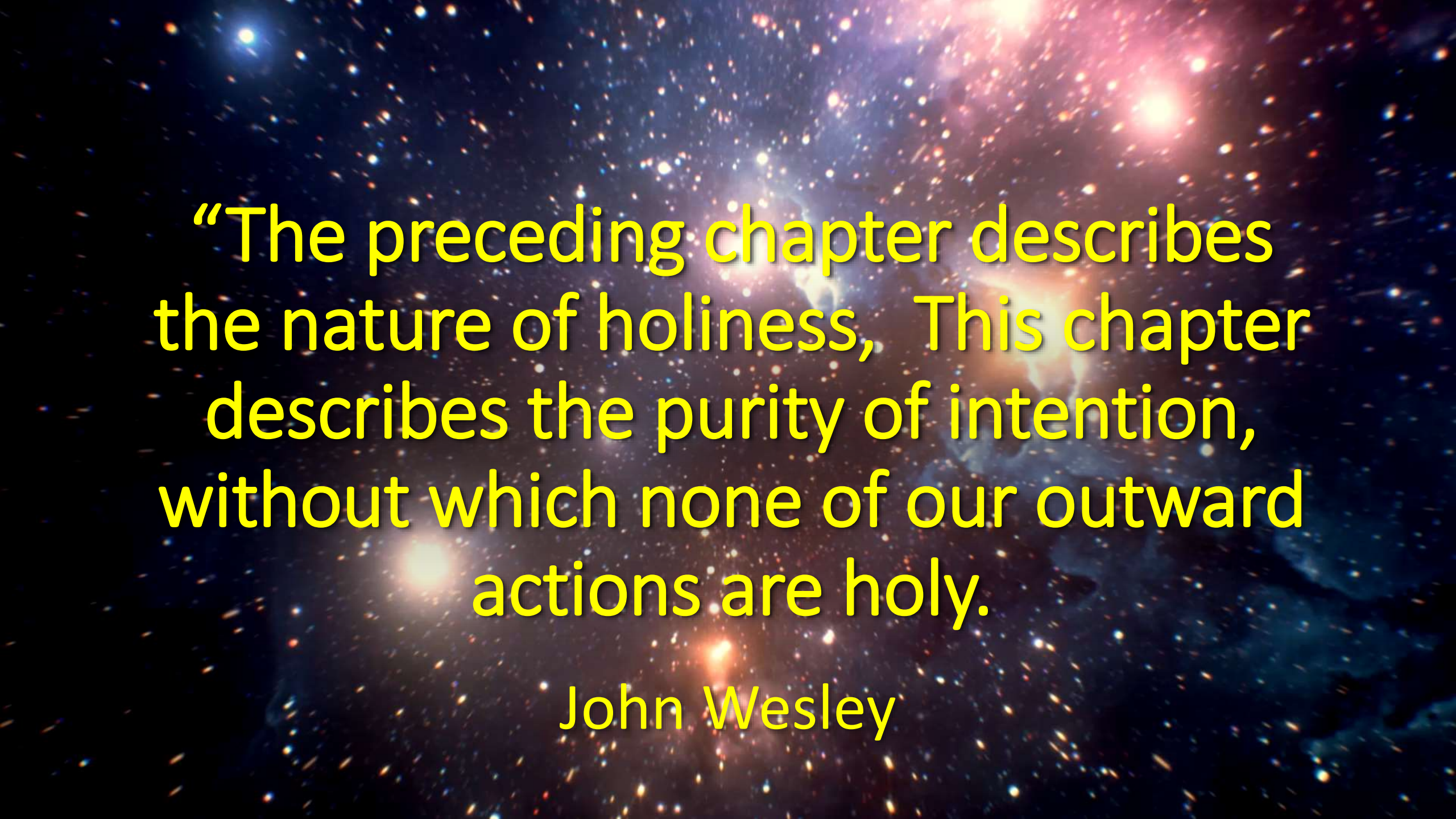
- So whether we are at home or away, *we make it our aim to please him.* ([2 Corinthians 5:9](#))
- Walk as children of light . . . and try to *discern what is pleasing to the Lord.* ([Ephesians 5:8, 10](#))
- Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and *to please God*, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ([1 Thessalonians 4:1](#))

# CS Lewis

## Weight of Glory

The promise of glory is the promise, almost incredible and only possible by the work of Christ, that some of us, that any of us who really chooses . . . shall find approval, shall please God. *To please God . . . to be a real ingredient in the divine happiness . . . to be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in as an artist delights in his work or a father in a son — it seems impossible*, a burden within our own thoughts which we can hardly sustain.


**But so it is.**



“The preceding chapter describes the nature of holiness, This chapter describes the purity of intention, without which none of our outward actions are holy.

John Wesley





# Prayer Requests

# Next week



Read Matthew 6:2-4 as part of your devotions.



Write a paragraph and submit it to [ljmonson@hotmail.com](mailto:ljmonson@hotmail.com) about “Why I give to others”



Pray for our elected national and state and local leaders to discover God’s will in their lives.