21 November 1996, Morning Minchah Reuben I Hate Those Who Are Half-Hearted

Ps 119:113 — We have to have David's heart before we can have David's harp. If we don't have his heart we play in the flesh. We have to have his heart before we can play music. I hate myself if I am half-hearted. We have to hate what David hates. Our Master said, "Blessed are the undivided, the pure in heart, those who aren't receiving things that corrupt the heart." Don't be half-hearted. "We sing for joy in Your presence..." I wonder if we praise Him with all our heart and strength. We can't enter the kingdom if we don't do things whole-heartedly, if we have a heart for something else besides Him. If we have a heart for something else besides Him and we don't hate it enough we'll always be that way. It's like the foolish and wise virgins — the wise hated half-heartedness, but the foolish were half-hearted. They gave thanks half-heartedly and they sang half-heartedly. You could hardly hear them. As a result only 50% enter the kingdom. If I don't love with all my heart I'm double-minded. I've got something else on my mind besides His commandments.

Jn 14:21,23 — We have His commandments. "I will reveal myself, disclose myself, let him know everything because I know he is whole-hearted." Why would He reveal His will to someone who wouldn't do it? How did we become believers in the first place? We had to have a will to do His will. That's why we became disciples. We didn't say, "I don't want to do your will." You came here and realized that it was God. You had faith and gave your life to Him. You didn't get baptized half-heartedly. Now you can't go on half-heartedly. Did David say, "I hate the double-minded?" He probably saw a lot of half-hearted people in Israel. I don't know if we need to hate our brothers and sisters, but we need to hate their sin. David said, "I hate those who are double-minded." I don't know if we need to hate people, but we need to hate something.

As much as I can see God, whatever that means, I want to see. Blessed are the pure in heart because they shall see God. Obviously there will be people who won't see Him. I hate the half-hearted. Let's hate them. When we see half-heartedness let's expose it. Let's find out why.

Acts 26:7 — One bible sayserve, another bible says worship. It's translated both ways: serve and worship . It means one thing — it's the same word. They served night and day. Serving is worship. We worship today. Whatever we do is worship. We come here to worship, sing, praise. We don't serve half-heartedly during the day. Let's hate what God hates and love what He loves.

I give you a promise: If you hate what God hates more than anybody else and love what He loves more than anybody else your joy will be above others'. That's how our Master was. As a result of being like that you have joy above anybody else. Even if they persecute us it stimulates joy. Someone takes the key for the car. Someone operates the washing-machine wrong. You have joy. We correct our brothers with — joy. We take action, but with joy. Our Master's anger was with joy when He took the whip and cleansed the temple from those who made a business there.

If we don't use all of our talents we are only half-hearted. We have natural abilities, but we need grace and faith added to it. Grace and faith is something that needs to be acquired; you have to acquire it.