



-- **Big Idea: Proper perspective gives passion and purpose to the patterns of faith.**

**1.) A PUNY perspective breeds polluted praise (v. 13).**

- Because attitude of the priests was polluted, their service became passionless and perfunctory.
  - We see the apathy of their worship in the unacceptable sacrifices that they routinely offered in the temple (James 1:17).
  - It is unacceptable to God and damaging to us that we would withhold from Him our **BEST**
- At the foundation of broken worship is a puny or poisoned perspective.
  - The more we **FORGET** the big picture, the more we will **FORSAKE** biblical practices.
  - *Is your response to God worthy of who He is and what He has done?*

**2.) Consider the CURSE of polluted praise (v. 14).**

- Although Israel sought blessings from the Lord, their inappropriate worship could only result in a curse.
- Cursed is the one who offers his best to something less and offers something less to the Lord (Romans 12:1).
- Passionless, polluted, perfunctory praise is neither good for us nor glorifying to God.

### **3.) Remember the **REASON** behind the routine.**

- If our focus falters, so will our faithfulness to godly patterns.
- There is no getting around the fact that the Christian life requires certain **ROUTINE**
- When we keep the right perspective, God will grant passion and purpose to the patterns of faith (Hebrews 12:2-3, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18).
- *What do the patterns and practices of your worship suggest about your perspective in life?*
- *Are you giving God your best, or are you offering to Him only what you think you need to get by?*
- When we maintain a proper perspective, we will hate the idea of playing **GAMES** with God (Philippians 3:7-14).