



# Recitation Script



True Religion

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## OVERVIEW

### Key Points

A collection of passages from Isaiah, James, and Deuteronomy that focus on the Biblical definition of true religion

### Recitation Delivery Notes

Three reciters deliver passages intertwined. Reciters should begin their portions of the recitation just as the previous person is finishing with no gap, or even a little overlap. Each reciter should maintain their original level of intensity and not adjust to match the other reciters.

The passages are from:

- Deuteronomy 10:14-19 NIV84 (Reciter #1)
- Isaiah 1:11-12 and 15b-17 NIV84 (Reciter #2)
- James 1:26, 27 NIV84 (Reciter #3)

### Video



### Key Quotes

“The multitude of your sacrifices— what are they to me?’ says the Lord. ‘I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts?’ Stop bringing meaningless offerings!”

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“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

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RECITER	ENGLISH TEXT
Reciter #1	“To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it.
Reciter #2	The multitude of your sacrifices— what are they to me?” says the Lord. “I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts?” Stop bringing meaningless offerings!
Reciter #3	If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.
Reciter #1	Yet the Lord set his affection on your forefathers and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations, as it is today. Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer.
Reciter #2	Your hands are full of blood; wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight!
Reciter #1	For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.
Reciter #2	Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed.
Reciter #1	He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing.
Reciter #1	7 This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways.
Reciter #3	Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.
Reciter #2	And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt.

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