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choosing
PROXIMITY

"VAIN WORSHIP"

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MATTHEW 23:1-5 (ESV); ISAIAH 58:6 (NIV)

If you are burdened with the heavy yoke in following Jesus, that is not his yoke. His yoke is light.

What is a phylactery?

- A box containing scripture or a holy relic
- An amulet or charm to safeguard against harm or danger

God demands both righteousness and justice (Ps. 89:14).

When we choose tradition over action, we worship in vain.

The Pharisees were angry over handwashing. What is the obstacle that keeps you from choosing proximity?

God is not satisfied with worship that lacks action. True worship must drive us to action regardless of bad/wrong actions of His image bearers.

Isaiah 58:6 (NIV)

*loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke*

Choosing proximity means choosing to be physically close to those who are hurting, in need, and made in His image.

If we want to see God heal our land, the church must lead the way by choosing proximity and pursuing righteousness and justice.