Daily Devotion For April 16, 2023

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the earth, to show himself strong on behalf of them whose HEART is perfect towards him." 2 Chronicles 16:9

As I write this devotion, I'm thinking that I'm probably "preaching to the choir." Today is the Lord's day, the opportunity and privilege that God has given to us to lift up and exalt His name corporately as a church family. In the above scripture verse Ezra writes that the eyes of the Lord are going to and fro throughout the earth to show himself to people whose hearts are turned towards him.

On this, the Lord's Day, let us remember that worship must be an attitude of the heart. Worshipping God from the heart means that we don't just go through the motions of worship but that we surrender our hearts fully to God. In Matthew 15:7-9, Jesus rebuked the religious Pharisees because of their lack of heart worship. He says, "You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you saying, this people honor's me with their lips, but their heart is far away from me." True worship is heart worship, it is a heart surrendered to God.

Thought For Today: As we worship God today, whether from home or at church, let us turn our hearts to God, recognize how great and awesome He is and how deserving of our praise and adoration.

Today's Prayer Focus: Ask God to prepare your heart and the hearts of our congregation to worship God from our hearts. Pray that the Lord would be honored and glorified as we worship him today. Deo Volente.