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"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)

The Circus Is In Town!

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A man once stated that one of the greatest disappointments of his childhood was when he saw a tent going up. He thought it was a circus, but upon investigation he discovered it was a revival meeting. He further stated that one of the greatest disappointments of his adult life came when he saw several Christians putting up a tent. He thought it was a revival service, but upon further investigation discovered it was little more than a circus.

Have you noticed how reverence has given way to merriment, fear has given way to familiarity, congregational singing has given way to special performances, Bible teaching has given way to drama, and preaching the gospel has given way to after dinner speeches. Nearly anything that brings applause, draws a crowd, and increases the contribution has been "baptized" and thus sanctioned by some churches today.

However, is there not a sanctity and sacredness to worship that cannot be sacrificed on the altar of entertainment? I for one, believe there is. The circus has come to town! But this is one circus I don't plan to attend.

"...If then I am the Father, Where *is* My honor? And if I *am* a Master, Where *is* My reverence? Says the LORD of hosts..." (Malachi 1:6).