



**You shall
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other gods
(Elohiym)
before
me.**

Exodus 20:3
(Cepher)



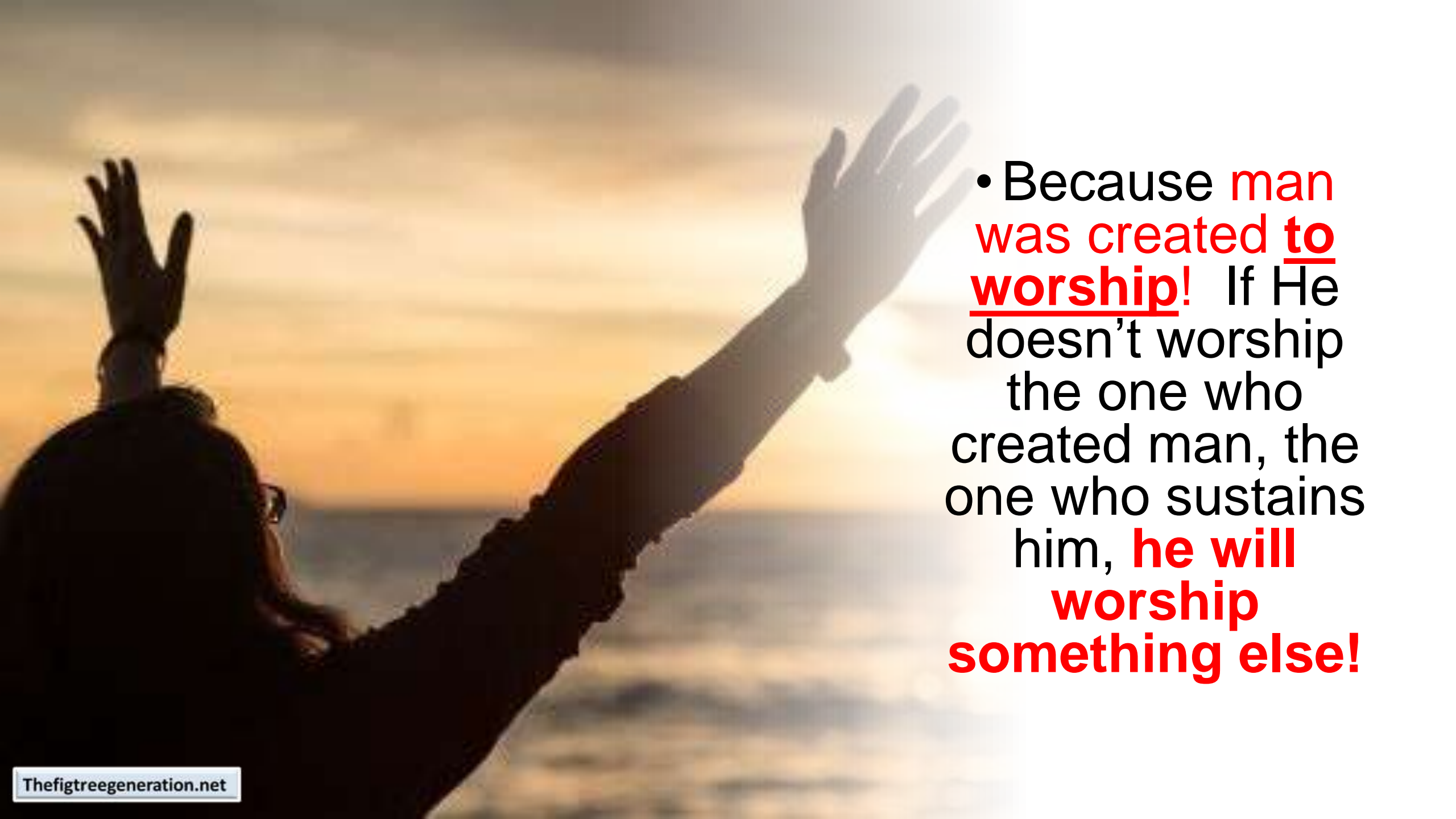
Through my studies a few years ago I learned that God, LORD and Jesus are fake names put into our Bibles to replace the Real Names of our Heavenly Father and His Beloved Son. The True Names have been removed over 7000 times from Scripture and replaced by God, LORD or Jesus which are not Names but titles like Mr. or Miss. Isn't it amazing if you ask a Muslim who he worships he will say Allah which is the name of his god and if you ask a Buddhist the name of his god, he will say Buddha. Yet we as professed believers in our Creator do not even know the name of who we worship.

Therefore, I use the four Hebrew letters yod, hey, vav, hey in English YHVH (and I pronounce it as Yahuah) instead of LORD, which is a title - not a name. I also use Yahusha instead of Jesus, which is not a translation but a transliteration from a Greek mistransliteration. The name Jesus has no meaning, in Hebrew nor in English! YHVH and Yahusha are the actual original Hebrew names that speak of our Savior's true nature and character. Since the Father has a Hebrew name, the Son cannot have a Greek name, because the Son came in the name of His Father (John 5:43)!

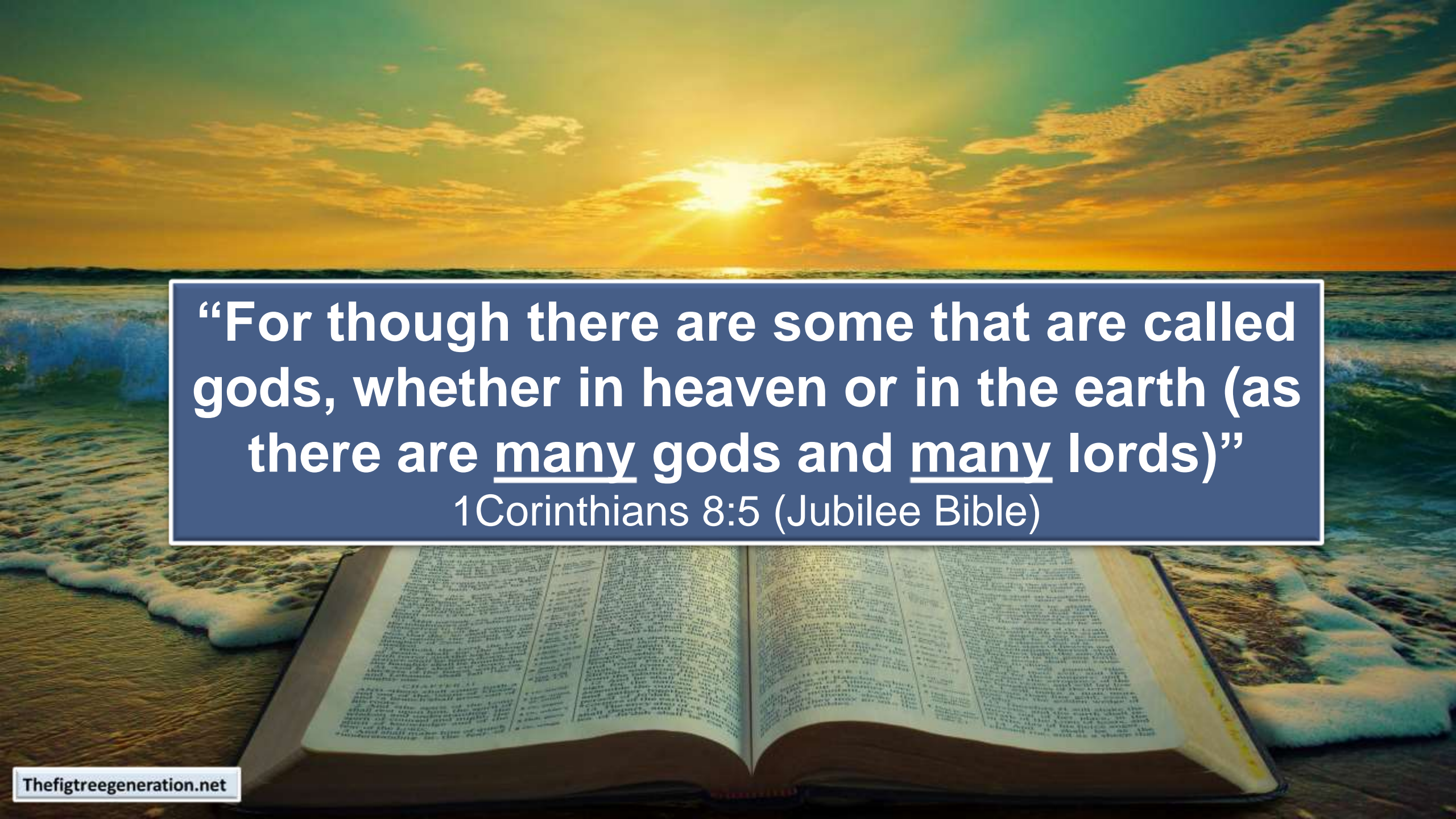
• Back to our title “You shall have **no other** gods (Elohiym) before me.” Exodus 20:3
(Cepher)

Why are there so many different gods being worshipped?



A person is shown from the back, with their arms raised high in a gesture of praise or worship. The background is a soft, hazy sunset over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The person's silhouette is dark against the bright sky.

• Because **man was created to worship!** If He doesn't worship the one who created man, the one who sustains him, **he will worship something else!**



“For though there are some that are called gods, whether in heaven or in the earth (as there are many gods and many lords)”

1Corinthians 8:5 (Jubilee Bible)



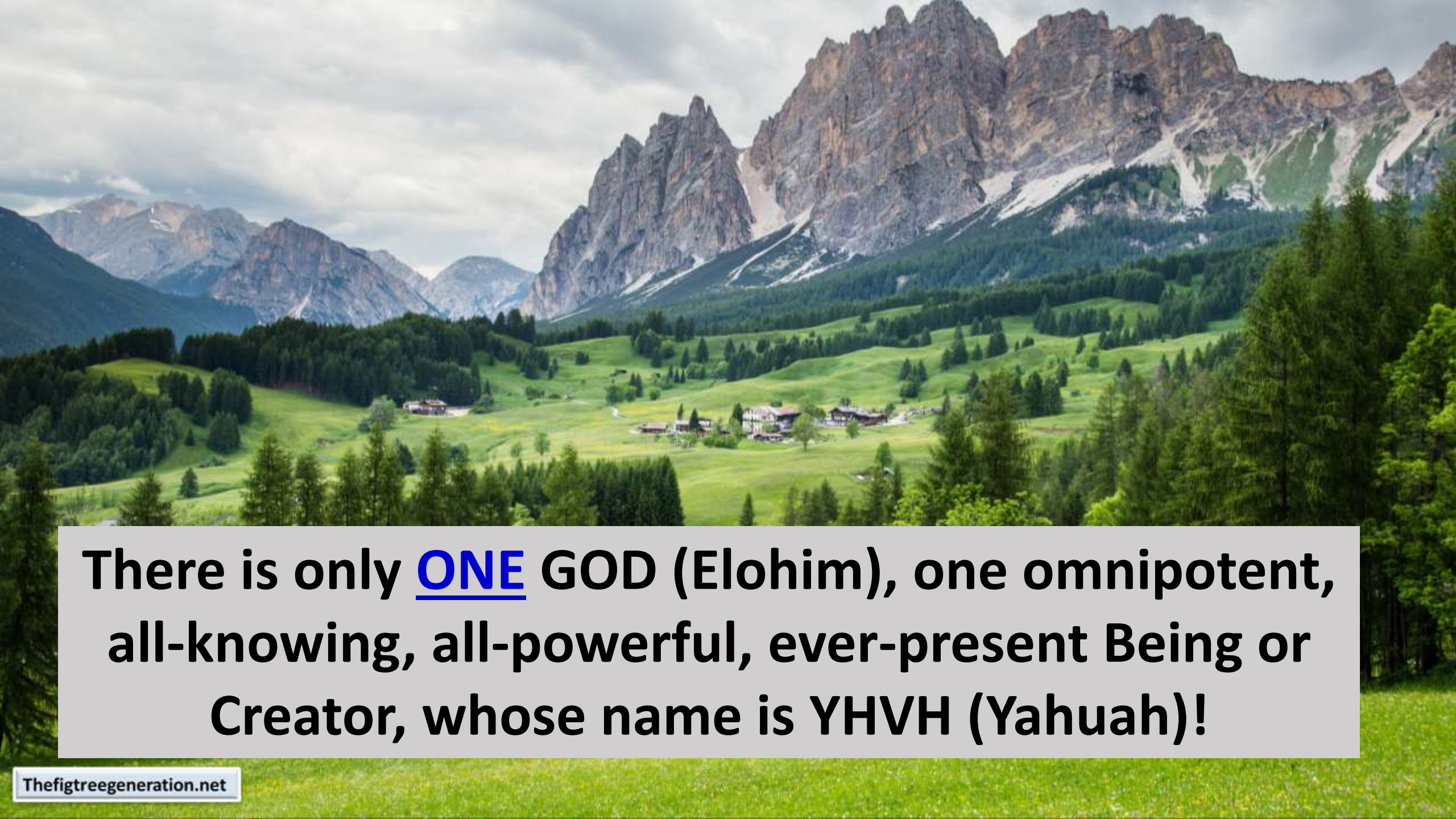
MAN-MADE GODS ARE CALLED IDOLS!



Man-made gods cannot help us, they need our help to carry them around!

• That is **worthless** worship, a waste of time, useless!





There is only **ONE** GOD (Elohim), one omnipotent, all-knowing, all-powerful, ever-present Being or Creator, whose name is YHVH (Yahuah)!

• This is what it states in Scripture, “**But to us there is but one Elohiym, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Yahuah-Yahusha the Mashiach, by whom are all things, and we by him.” 1Corinthians 8:6 (Cepher)**





Psalm 90:2
states, “Before
the mountains
were brought
forth, or ever
thou hadst
formed the
earth and the
world, even
from
everlasting to
everlasting,
thou art
Elohim.”

Another Scripture verse states:

“For great is יהוה
(YHVH) and greatly
to be praised, He is
to be feared above
all mighty ones.

**5 For all the
mighty ones of the
peoples are
matters of naught
(idols), But יהוה
(YHVH) made the
heavens.” Psalm
96:4-5 (TS2009)**



Yahuah did not only
make the heaven
and the heaven of
heavens as well as
this earth according
to Deuteronomy
10:14,



YHVH is

- 1. Covenant Keeping and unchanging in Nature**
- 2. Unchanging in Character**
- 3. Merciful**
- 4. Compassionate**
- 5. Gracious**

- **6. He is slow to Anger**
- **7. Abounding in Loving-kindness**
- **8. Truthful**
- **9. Keeps Loving-kindness for thousands**
- **10. Forgives intentional sins**

- **11. He Forgives
Rebellious Sins**
- **12. Forgives
inadvertent Sins**
- **13. Cleanses us from
all unrighteousness**
**These are the 13
attributes of YHVH as
recorded in Exodus
34:6-8**



- The same is stated in Micah 6:18, “Who is an El (God) like unto you, that pardons iniquity, and passes by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retains not his anger forever, **because he delights in mercy.**” Cephher

THIS IS REFERRING TO THE ELOHIM OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB, THE ONLY TRUE ELOHIM!

- Let's look at the three monotheistic religions that claim Abraham as their Father.





- Judaism?
- Who does Judaism really worship? We are talking especially about the leadership!

According to Yahusha in John 8:44 *talking to the Scribes and Pharisees, the leadership at the time*, “**Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the Truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**” Ceper

Who did they worship?



According to the Messiah, **they worshipped Satan!**



- What about Christianity? Who do they really worship, even be it ignorantly?

Christianity is a man-made religion created in the third Century by Constantine, who was Greek and a sun-worshipper until his death. Christianity has little in common with the Great I AM, YHVH (Yahuah), the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel.

Yahusha was not a Christian nor was He the founder of Christianity. Jesus means Hail Zeus and was created by Constantine. Jesus is a copy, an image of the true Messiah Yahusha but not Yahusha. Many of the deeds and miracles of

Yahusha are being credited to that Greek Jesus. Many teachings of Yahusha are credited to Jesus but mixed with paganism and Greek Mythology. Christianity, and all its off shoots, is a religious cult. **It is sun worship and the common people do not know it!**



Christianity does not follow and honor Yahusha. They do not follow the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!

That means
Christianity is
paganism!



- Then we have Islam, which is one of the three monotheistic religions like Judaism and Christianity, which claim Abraham as their father.

Muslims believe that “There is no god but Allah....”

(Allah is Arabic and means god)

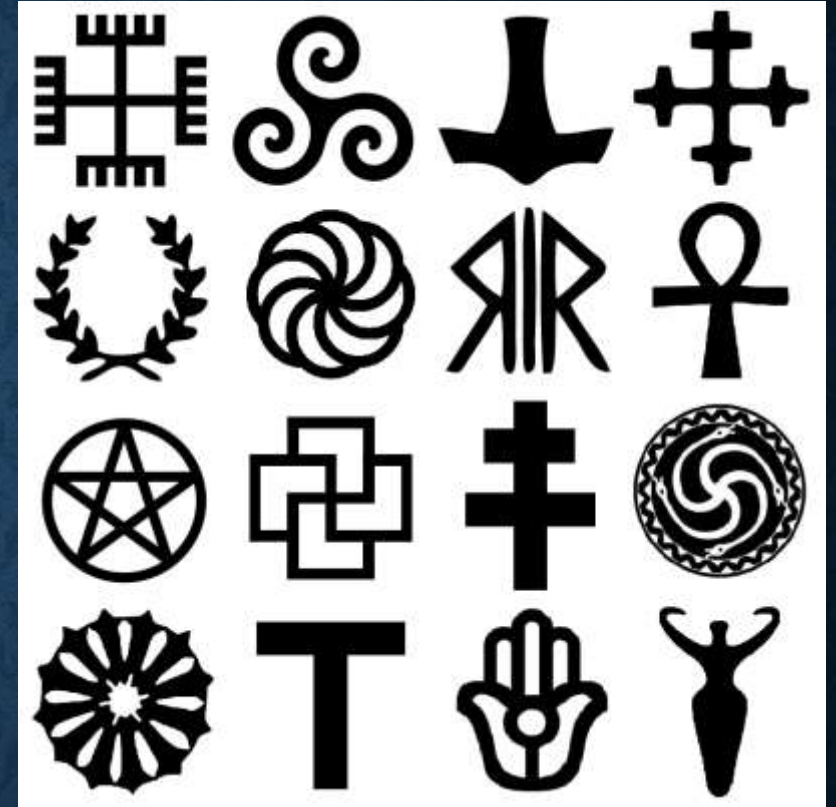
Muslims believe in Allah, saying he is the only God, the Eternal, Almighty, merciful and gracious creator of heaven and earth and they believe in the mission of the Prophet Muhammad. They also believe that every man will have to give an account for his faith and his actions before this God. **Every Muslim, man and woman must follow their five pillars of Islam from puberty, if they want to enter Paradise.**





Islam does not worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. **Who do they follow then? You decide!**

In addition, there are hundreds of different pagan religions like Buddhism, Hinduism, Shintoism, Taoism, Druidism, Shamanism, Wicca, Asatru, Neo-paganism, Eclectic paganism, and traditional Native American religions etc. All are deceived and follow man-made gods, **which is idolatry!**



**WHY IS THAT
THE CASE?**

**We are talking about lies
and deceptions, which
originate from the arch
deceiver, Satan!**

Scripture
states, “And
no wonder!
For Satan
himself
masquerades
as a
messenger of
light!”

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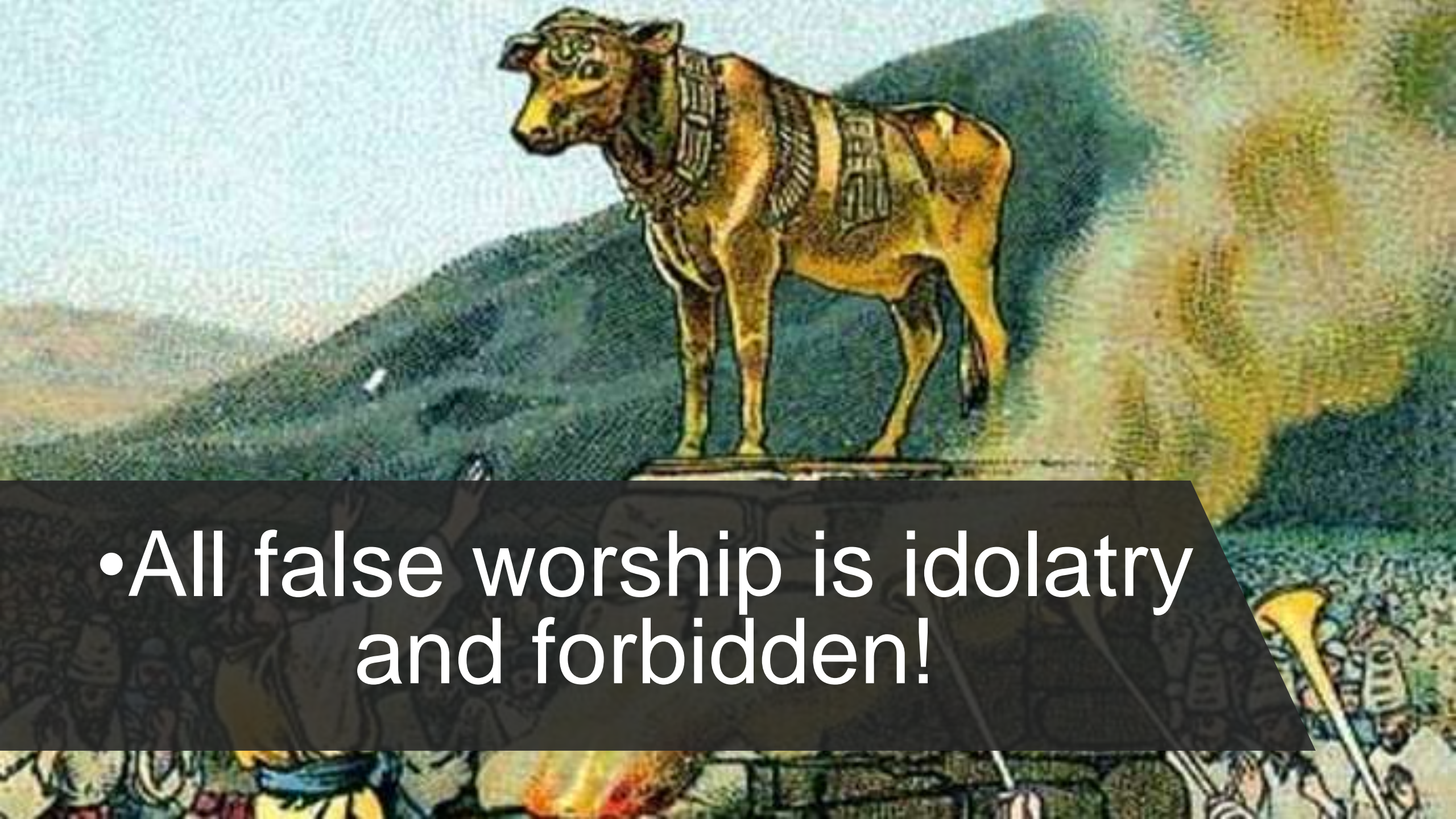


If Satan can have people
thinking that he looks like
this....



They won't be able to
identify him when he appears
to them looking like this

*And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into
an angel of light. 2 Cor.11:14*



- All false worship is idolatry and forbidden!

Most people today who have any concept of idolatry probably think of pagans bowing down and worshipping a strange-looking idol — a carved image or statue. That's part of what idolatry means, but since most of us today don't do that, how do Elohim's commands against idolatry apply to His followers now? **Idolatry is not just venerating a statue, carving or painting. Idolatry occurs when we begin to value anything more than we value the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.** If we spend more time thinking about our hero than Elohim, that's idolatry. **If our every thought is about the latest gadget or our personal appearance, that's idolatry. If the priority in our lives is our family, even that's idolatry.**

When Yahuah said, "You shall have no other **Elohims before Me**" (*Exodus:20:3*), He wasn't just talking about the imaginary deities that seem so ridiculous to us today. **He was talking about anything that usurps His place as number one in our hearts.** The solution to this problem is as simple (and as difficult) as Yahushas admonition in Matthew 6:33, "**Seek first the kingdom of Elohim and His righteousness.**"

Everything else must come after.

In a few words,
**“What is idolatry,
What is an idol?”**



Whatever divides the affections or takes away from the soul the supreme love of Yahuah or interposes to prevent unlimited confidence and entire trust in HIM, assumes the character and takes the form of an idol, or idolatry!

An idol is anything more important to you than Yahuah, the Creator, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than HIM, and anything that you seek to give you what only YHVH can give.

An idol is anything that takes the place of YHVH as the most important focus and priority in our life!

There are many people in this world that practice idolatry. People of the Hindu religion have wooden and stone carvings and manifestations of their Elohim. Buddhists have Buddha statues which they give offerings, they even leave food for it, and rub its belly for good luck.

Hindu's even have a special calf that they worship and even bow down to it. **Idolatry is very much alive and well.**

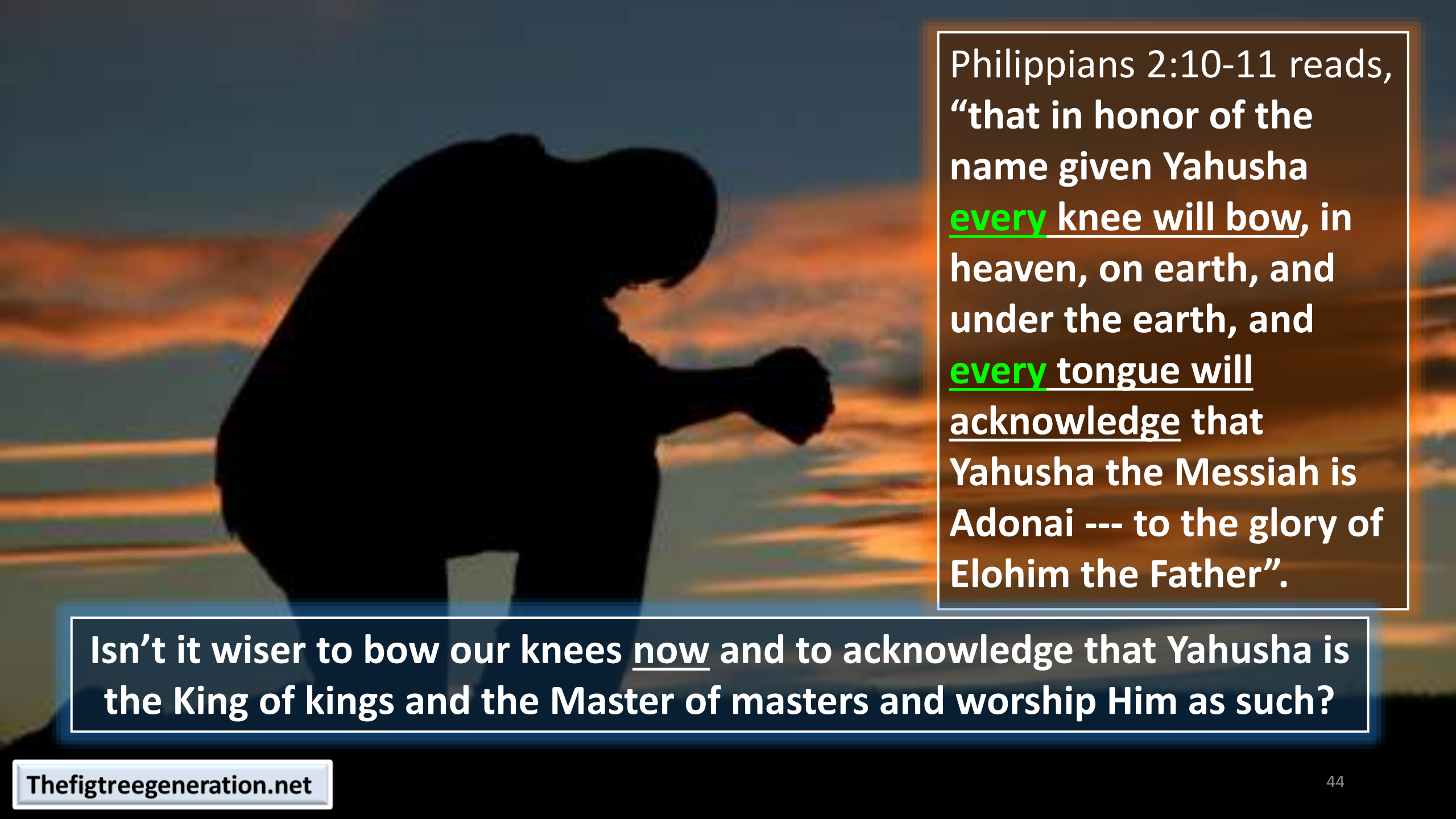
The sin of idolatry is clearly defined in Scripture. Leviticus 19:4 (CJB) states, “do not turn to idols, and do not cast metal Elohims for yourselves; I am Adonai your Elohim”.

Leviticus 26:1 reads, “You are not to make yourselves any idols, erect a carved statue or a standing stone, or place any carved stone anywhere in your land in order to bow down to it. I am Adonai your Elohim”.

Exodus 20:3-5 (CJB) it states, “You are to have no other Elohims before me. You are not to make for yourselves a carved image or any kind of representation of anything in heaven above, on the earth beneath or in the water below the shoreline. You are not to bow down to them or serve them; for I, Adonai your Elohim, am a jealous Elohim, punishing the children for the sins of the parents of the third and fourth generation of those who hate me”.

*Paul in 1st Corinthians 8:4 says, “So, as for eating food sacrificed to idols, we know that, as you say, an idol has no real existence in the world and **there is only one Elohim**”.*

The heathen idol has no divinity, they are lies and vanity. They are imaginary, having no power. There is only one Elohim, the author of all things, maker of the world, and He has power overall.

A silhouette of a person bowing deeply on a beach at sunset. The person is in the foreground, and the background shows the ocean and a colorful sky with orange and blue tones.

Philippians 2:10-11 reads,
“that in honor of the
name given Yahusha
every knee will bow, in
heaven, on earth, and
under the earth, and
every tongue will
acknowledge that
Yahusha the Messiah is
Adonai --- to the glory of
Elohim the Father”.

Isn't it wiser to bow our knees now and to acknowledge that Yahusha is the King of kings and the Master of masters and worship Him as such?

Idolatry is a very serious sin; it attacks directly at Yahuah's character. Once His character has been adulterated, we lose our guidelines for moral judgment and morality is now whatever we think, whatever we want it to be. If we don't have a true perspective of Yahuah Elohim, then we are lost, along with everything else.



I would like to talk about Christmas. Our Messiah's birth date is clearly known to be during the feast of Tabernacle, in the fall of the year, but it is not December 25. Before we look at the objects used at Christmas let us see what Deuteronomy 7:25-26 reads, "You are to burn up completely the carved statues of their Elohims. Don't be greedy for the silver or gold on them; don't take it with you or you will be trapped by it. For it is abhorrent (*disgusting morally*), to Yahuah your Elohim. Don't bring something abhorrent into your house, or you will share in the curse that is on it; instead, you are to detest it completely, loathe it utterly; for it is set apart for destruction".





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Christmas Is idolatry

A white rabbit is the central focus, sitting in a wicker basket. The basket is filled with several colorful Easter eggs in shades of red, blue, and yellow. The scene is set in a lush green field with yellow daisies and other small flowers. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the rabbit and the basket.

What about
“Easter”?

The Celebration of Easter is Idolatry!

The term “Easter” is derived from the name of an ancient pagan goddess (Eostre, Ostara, Ishtar) and has **no relation whatsoever** to the events surrounding Yahusha’s death..

100% PAGAN, IDOLATRY



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What does our Elohim say about borrowing pagan symbols and holidays to worship Him? Syncretism means to attempt to be in union of diverse or opposite ideas. It is mixing things that are fundamentally different. **From the very beginning YHVH has not accepted syncretism.** **The central theme in holiness is separation.** **As it reads in Genesis (Bereshit) 12:1 – CJB , “Now Adonai said to Abram, get yourself out of your country, away from your kinsman and away from your fathers house and go to the land that I will show you”.**



There is no room for mix in Yahuah's economy. His laws show this. According to Torah, bringing pagan forms of worship of Elohim is prohibited. Yahuah hates syncretism, it goes against His very essence, for in Him is light and there is no darkness. Deuteronomy 18:9,12; and 20:17-18 are among verses that speak of not melting with pagan ideas and things.



**You can not
mix Truth
with Error
and
be accepted
by Yahuah!**



When we allow the things of Satan in, we open the door to his demons. Mixing things that are not of Elohim deadens the soul--it takes the soul away from Elohim. It lulls it, soothes it. It is like the frog in the slowly heated water...by the time the water is boiling its too late, the frog is a goner.



Israel continued going down hill as they increased in syncretism. After 100s of years Yahuah finally punished them with exile. Its very sad that holidays such as Christmas and Easter have overshadowed the festivals which Yahuah gave to His people. Christianity has lost great edification and instruction; her Jewish and Torah roots. We need to shine as lights in this dark world. **The professed people of YHVH and the world celebrate Christmas together as though they are one.**

*You each need to ask yourselves,
if you celebrate things that
displease the Father!*



Idolatry slanders the character of the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. A heart that is idolatrous assumes that Elohim is not who He is. *A. W. Tozer says (The Knowledge Of The Holy),* **“A Elohim begotten in the shadows of a fallen heart will quite naturally be no true likeness of the true Elohim”.** **Perversions about who YHVH is -- is idolatry.**

Romans 1:21-23 (KJV) says, “Because that, when they knew Elohim, they glorified him not as Elohim, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23. And changed the glory of the uncorruptible Elohim into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things!” We humans seem to want to make Elohim in our image, we want to bring Elohim down to be like what we want, turning Elohim into what we are. Let us stop humanizing Elohim. We are getting to the point of not seeing Him as He truly is.

Another thought on idolatry, lets read Exodus 32:3-5, ***“the people stripped off their gold earrings and brought them to Aaron. He received what they gave him, melted it down, and made it into the shape of a calf. They said Israel! Here is your Elohim, who brought you up from the land of Egypt! On seeing this, Aaron built an altar in front of it and proclaimed. Tomorrow is to be a feast for Yahuah.”***

*This golden calf was made to represent the true and living Elohim, the Elohim who brought them out of Egypt, but they were worshipping Him in the wrong way. **There are many today who are also worshipping the true Elohim in the wrong way.***

Aaron may have thought that a golden calf would adequately represent the majesty and power of YHVH, but the resulting worship quickly degenerated into a debauched pagan festival so loud that Joshua thought war had broken out! What was Elohim's response? The covenant was broken, the people were forced to drink the remains of the shattered idol, three thousand worshipers were put to the sword, and those who survived were struck with a plague. **YHVH did not view their sin lightly.**



Jeroboam revived the same idolatry for his own political purposes in a later age. Though his sin was very great, it was not the sin of worshiping false Elohims. **Ahab would be the first king to introduce worship of false Elohims into the Northern Kingdom.**

The history of Baal worship demonstrates the distinction between the First and Second Commandments, while subsequent events show that **even idolatry related to the one true Elohim is an abomination.**



King Ahab built the temple of Baal, and the author of Kings introduces this fact with the words, **"as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam."** (I Kings 16:31) Baal worship was a whole new category of sin, but we should not imagine that it was a **"light thing"** to worship Elohim through an idol! Jehu, who destroyed Baal worship in Israel, was adamant about serving Yahuah, but he continued to worship the golden calves. (II Kings 10:28-29) **Eventually this sin was one of the causes of the destruction of the Northern Kingdom.** (II Kings 17:21-23)

Psalms 106:20 reads, “thus they exchanged their glory for the image of an ox that eats grass!” who is the glory of Israel? Who is it? Who is their glory? Is Elohim now an ox?

When we don't worship Elohim out of truth because we have no truth, then we tend to worship Elohim out of our senses. We begin to worship Elohim and think of Him as we want Him to be without using His word we worship Him in our own way, making Him less than the True Elohim. **This is idolatry. We worship the form and not the Elohim behind the form.**

They changed the glory of the incorruptible Elohim.

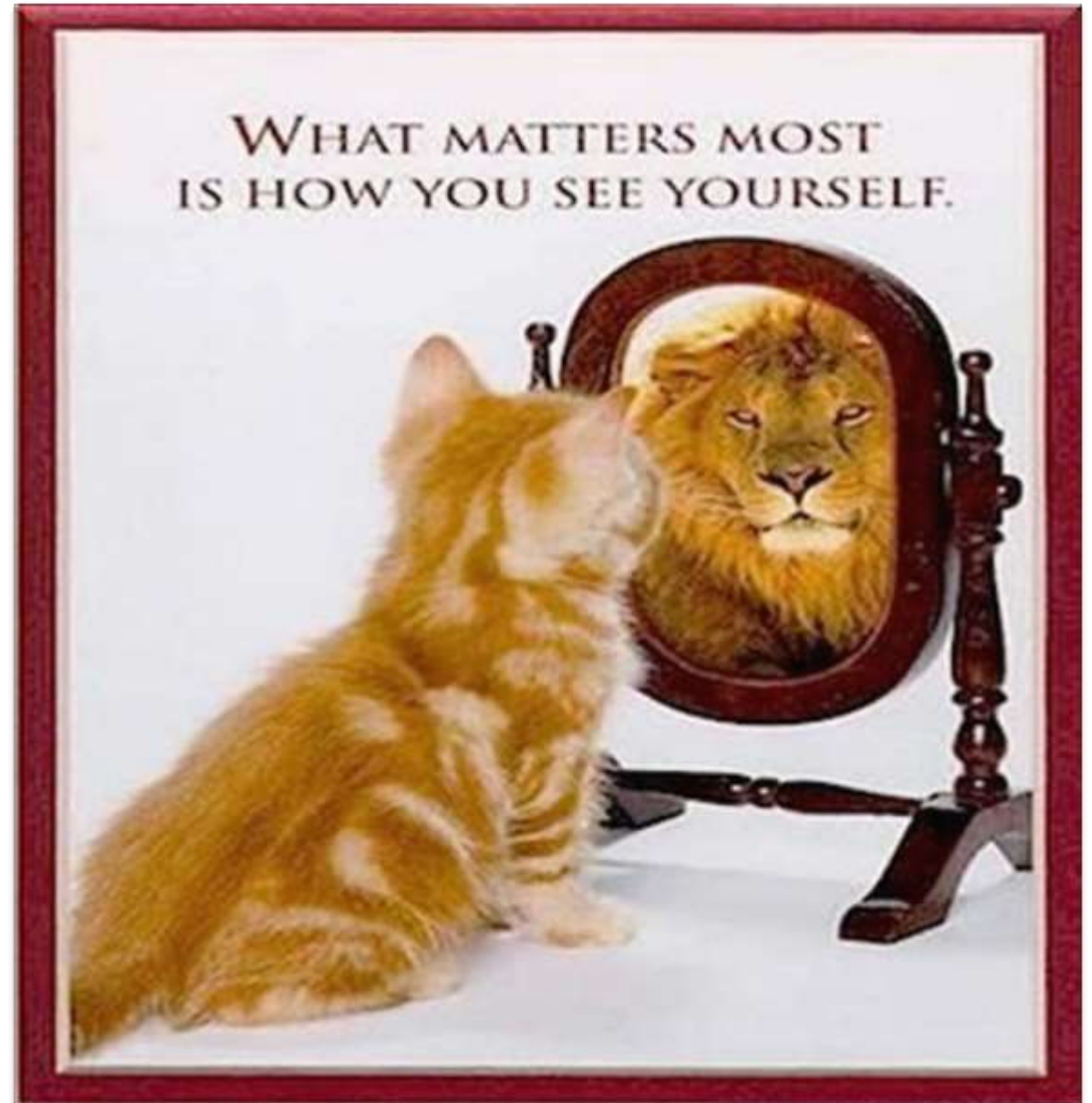
Romans 1:23 reads, “In fact they have exchanged the glory of the immortal Elohim for mere images, like a mortal human being, or like birds, and animals or reptiles! Their hearts were foolish and darkened.”

The wickedness of the heart clouds and darkens, it binds and perverts and corrupts.

Romans 1:22 says,

“claiming to be wise, they have become fools”.

Now that we have a little better understanding of idolatry lets look at us. I know that we don't physically make statutes or pictures and bow to them, worshipping them. Does this mean that we don't make idols? lets look at other forms of idolatry.



Let's look at being
covetous, is it
idolatry?



*Deuteronomy 5:21, “do not covet
your neighbors house, his field, his
male or female slaves, his ox, his
donkey or anything that belongs to
your neighbor!”*

*Micah 2:2 reads, “they covet fields
and seize them; they take over
houses as well, doing violence to
both owner and house, to people
and their inherited land”.*

Covetousness is Idolatry

Many don't realize how greed is impeding their spiritual growth and how necessary it is to overcome the deadly and deceitful sin of covetousness.

Humanity has long been afflicted by the curse of covetousness. Yahusha warned the people of His day, "**Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses**" (*Luke 12:15*).



Romans 7:7 reads, "Therefore, what are we to say? That the Torah is sinful? Heaven forbid! Rather the function of Torah was that without it, I would not have known what sin is.



For example, I would not have become conscious of what greed or covetousness is, if the Torah had not said, "**Thou shalt not covet,**" Coveting could be money, things, possessions, it could be a bigger house, a luxury car, clothes, more money, or whatever. **Greed and Covetousness is the inordinate desire for what we don't have and what others do have.**

**We cannot
worship
the true
Elohim in
the true
way and be
coveting.**



Colossians 3:5-6 says, “**therefore put to death the earthly parts of your nature--sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed (which is a form of idolatry); for it is because of these things that Elohim’s anger is coming to those who disobey him**”.

*It doesn’t matter if it’s the Elohim’s of Egypt or money or anything else. Whatever that idol is, it has a defiling effect. A person who worships an idol will tend to tear down all who are around him. In Ezekiel (Yechezk’el) 36:18 it reads. “**Therefore, I poured out my fury on them. Because of the blood they had shed in the land and because they defiled it with their idols**”.*

An idol cannot help you in anyway, you cannot turn to your money, your big house, or your luxury car, they wont, nor can they help. They cannot speak, they cannot give you advice in times of tribulations, they are just there, giving no help at all.



Isaiah 46:5-7, reads,

“To whom will you liken me and equate me? With whom will you compare me, as if we were similar?

6). They squandered the gold from their bags and weigh silver on a scale; they hire a goldsmith to make a Elohim, before which they fall down and worship!

7). ‘it is borne on shoulders and carried, then set in its place; and there it stands.’ From its place it does not move. If one cries out, it cannot answer or save anyone from his troubles.”

Habakkuk 2:18-19 reads, “what good is an idol, once its maker has shaped it, a cast metal image and a teacher of lies, that its maker puts his trust in it, and goes on making non-Elohim, unable to talk. Woe to him who tells a piece of wood wake up! Or a speechless stone, rouse yourself! Can this thing teach? Why, its covered with gold and silver. Without the slightest breath in it!” . CJB

People make vain and false imaginations of Elohim; they make Elohim whatever they please. They govern themselves by their own minds, teachers of lies. They make Elohim and scripture to mean whatever they want. They have dumb idols. **We have the Living Elohim, Yahuah, the Creator and Savior. We have access to Him not by our own inventions but by what He has instituted.**



Isaiah 65:2 reads, **“I (YHVH) spread out my hands all day long to a rebellious people who live in a way that is not good, who follow their own inclination”.**

He spreads out His hands to embrace them, to accept them. When Yahusha was crucified, His hands were spread out and stretched as if He was preparing to receive us sinners, receive us unto His bosom. **He was waiting and He was not weary of waiting.**

Joshua 23:7-8 reads, “then you won’t become like those nations remaining among you, don’t ever mention the name of their Elohim, let alone have people swear by them, serve them or worship them but cling to Adonai your Elohim as you have done to this day.”

*Idolatry is demonic and offensive to our Elohim, we are not even to mention their names. **Let us remember that an idol does not have to be something that we have fashioned with our hands, but it can be fashioned by our hearts.***

Israel was commanded not even to do what according to Exodus
23:13 KJV?

“And in all things that I have
said unto you be circumspect:
and make no mention of the
name of other gods, neither
let it be heard out of thy
mouth.”



**DOES THAT ALSO INCLUDE THE GREEK JESUS AS HE IS A FALSE
GOD, CREATED BY CONSTANTINE IN THE THIRD CENTURY?**

Ezekiel 14:3-4 (CJB), reads, “Human being, these men have taken their idols into their hearts, thus setting in front of themselves the stumbling block that leads to sin. Should I let them consult me at all? Therefore, speak to them, and tell them that Adonai Elohim says, everyone in the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart thus setting in front of himself the stumbling block that leads to sin, and then comes to the prophet, I myself Adonai, will answer him in a manner suited to his many idols”.

One day each of us will stand before our King in judgment, we will be standing before Him alone, not able to blame our wife, or husband, or mother, or father, or sister, or brother, or anyone. **Will we stand there with a life full of idolatry, or will we stand before Him with a life full of good deeds? If anyone here today does not know the Master Yahusha, repent of your sins, throw out your idols, follow Yahusha, for the Kingdom of heaven is now.**



So, another form of idol worship that we mold and make, is not with hands but with our wicked and evil hearts, **When we take our eyes off Yahuah and put them on ourselves, we have just made a new idol, ourselves.** We comfort ourselves in vain, we become of ourselves, false Elohims, thus loosing favor with the true and living Elohim. **We go our own way and because of it we are not in a fold, we are scattered from each other and from Yahuah Elohim.**



Then we have no shepherd, no one to rule us, no one to guide and lead us. No priest to intercede for us, no one to take care of us and keep us together. The only truth we say we have is in ourselves, and comes from our small and puny minds, it is not the truth, **it is lies, it is deception.** We are polluting ourselves. We are dumb idols, with no understanding.

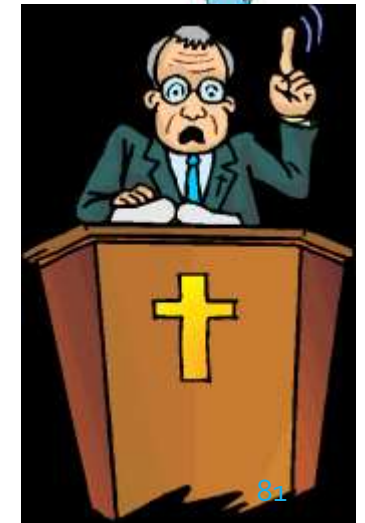
Let us not take Elohim's throne out of our hearts and replace with ourselves or any idol. The Living Elohim, the True Elohim, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is the one who made us, who sent His Son Yahusha to redeem us. He pardoned our sins and gave us eternal life. Let us cleave, again I say, let us cleave to Him in faith, love, and obedience. Let us not separate our minds and hearts from the only Elohim..

Jeremiah 17:5-6 reads (KJV), “Thus saith YHVH; **Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from YHVH.** 6. For he shall be like the heath in the desert and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.”

When it comes to where we will place our trust, there are basically only two choices: man, or Elohim. This choice is a critical one, because one is a curse, and the other is a blessing. As we were just reading in Jeremiah: "**Cursed is the man who trusts in man... Blessed is the man who trusts in Yahuah.**"



The curse that results from depending upon human resources (ours or others) is barrenness of life, spiritually speaking. "For he shall be like a shrub in the desert." A desert shrub represents the antithesis of abundant spiritual life. It is the picture of a plant that is barely surviving. Desert shrubs are typically sparse in growth and lacking in fruitfulness. A person who trusts in flesh is like this shrub. Many people trust their teachers, preachers, doctors and even make them an idol.



**Idolatry is nothing
but devil-worship, no
matter what that idol
may be!**

(Rev.9:20; cf. I Cor.10:19-22; Ex.20:4-6; Ps.106:34-41).



Sinners have a choice: Yahusha or their idols (their sin). Unfortunately, most of them prefer their idols, because they mostly follow blind leaders !

Let's not forget WHO our Maker is,
let us build **in us His** temple. In
this day, its easy to build idols in
our hearts and turn from Yahuah.
Let us not turn our eyes from Him
making idols in our hearts **because**
Idolatry is nothing but Devil's
worship!

LET'S CHOOSE HIM, WHO IS THE
WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE





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