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Wednesday, July 13, 2022 - Group Study

Lesson Series: Deception Of The Heart

Lesson Series Text: (*Jer. 17:5-10*)

Lesson 3: Idolatry

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All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.

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- I. Idolatry is anything we place before God.
 - A. When anybody or anything gets what belongs to God alone.
 - B. When there is an excessive devotion or reverence to a person, an entity, or a thing.
- II. From the beginning, God's covenant with Israel, was to worship Him alone. (*Exo. 20:3; Deu. 5:7*)
 - A. Man was made to worship God. If we don't worship Jehovah; we will worship something.
 - a. Mankind
 - b. Causes
 - c. Ideals
 - d. Materials
- III. Mankind has a need of three things.
 - A. Love – (*John 3:16; Rom. 5:5*)
 - B. Security – (*John 3:16; 3:36*)
 - C. Significance – (*John 3:16; 1 John 3:2*)
 - D. If we don't get these needs satisfied through God ordained means; we will set out to get them through carnal means.
- IV. How do we set out to fulfill these needs by carnal means.
 - A. Love – Fornications, create perfect bodies, prostitution, etc.
 - B. Security – Education, tolerance of sin, worship of mankind, etc.
 - C. Significance – Larger homes, cars, status, positions, titles, risks of life, etc.
- V. Society participates in order to make pursuit of these needs being met carnally possible.
 - A. Marketing – by stimulating the passion of these desires beyond normal levels.
 - B. Government relaxes laws in order to allow mankind to legally pursue these desires.
 - C. The church by not preaching against these unlawful desires.
 - D. Law enforcements by not actively prosecuting offenders of laws on the books.

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- VI. Paul refers to covetousness as idolatry.
- A. Covetousness is to have a strong desire for something that belongs to another.
 - a. *(Ephesians 5:5-6 - For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.)*
 - b. *(Col. 3:5Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry)*
 - B. A person that covets and a person that worship are the same because both of them worship gold, silver, and materials in their hearts.
 - C. Both give the affections and love that belongs to God to something else.
- VII. This strong desire for something that belongs to others will cause us to break several of the Ten Commandants. *(Exo. 20:13-17)*
- VIII. Even good things can be idols. *(2 King 18:1-4)*
- IX. Flee Idolatry. *(1 Cor. 10:6-14)*

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