

Revelations & Reflections Newsletter (August 7, 2006)

IDOLS IN MY HEART

I wanted to share something with you from my journal time this morning that may help each of us take that next step towards the Promised Land (as it were). As I was looking back through my entries, I noticed one on July 19th, where I told God I needed to find from His Word how to get rid of the idols in my heart. Then, it occurred to me He had already answered me way back on June 26th. In that writing, A God of Justice, there was a passage in Isaiah that really arrested my heart:

Isaiah 30:22-23 (NASB):

²²And you will defile your graven images overlaid with silver, and your molten images plated with gold. You will scatter them as an impure thing, and say to them, "Be gone!" ²³Then He will give you rain for the seed which you will sow in the ground, and bread *from* the yield of the ground, and it will be rich and plenteous.

When I first saw those scriptures, I felt there was something underneath the surface in verse 22 I was not seeing. So, I broke each of those words down to their original meanings. Here is what it looked like, but there was still more that just wasn't coming. I thank God and His Holy Spirit for what I believe He revealed this morning (it's in parenthesis):

- graven: an idol:-carved (something created)
- images: (that is seen)
- silver: money also from the Tabernacle it represents redemption/atonement (of value)
- molten: a pouring over, i.e. fusion of metal covering (<u>hiding something</u> underneath)
- plated (ornament): a girding on (<u>I have attached to myself</u>)
- *gold*: to shimmer also from the Tabernacle it represents His divine glory and nature, His Diety (**to look good**)

Here is the bullet version of the two concepts I received this morning:

- In order to get rid of my idols <u>I have to cast them away and call them unclean!</u> In other words, I have to make the choice I no longer want to have anything to do with them and then act upon that choice.
- My graven images overlaid with silver and my molten images plated with gold represent something created (I would think by me) that is seen of value hiding something underneath I have attached to myself to look good.

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After receiving that revelation, I am now asking myself what have I created to hide something underneath to look good before others? Understandably, I now realize I have yet to hit the full revelation of this concept of idols, but I do know one thing for sure: The Holy Spirit will reveal the rest in the proper season. So, for today, I would just like to offer up this prayer:

Heavenly Father, I ask that You would continue to pour out Your grace upon us as we go through this journey. I thank You Lord God for all that You have spoken thus far, and I praise Your name for speaking to us as You lead us along this path that is bringing us closer in our relationship with You. Father, I lift up each of my sisters before You right now, in the name of Jesus. I thank You for each of them and the place You have them, for You have begun a perfect work in each of us, and we know that You are faithful to complete it. Father, I believe You are working on each of us, showing us the things in our heart that do not glorify You. I thank You for showing us our idols, and for where each of us is in the process. I thank You Lord as You remove the blinders from our eyes that we see what things we have created, so we can scatter them away from ourselves and call them unclean! Father, we rejoice as You continue to teach us and to help us patiently bring forth fruit from the seed of Your Word. Help each of us Lord God to have a pure and honest heart before You that we may bring forth a harvest that glorifies You. We ask that as You teach us these things You would pour out a fresh anointing of Your Spirit upon us to enable us to discern the path You have chosen so we would not fall into temptation, but walk on the path of righteousness. We give You all glory, all honor, and all praise in our lives Lord, for we know that we are victorious in You. We thank You. We praise You. And, we say "Hallelujah to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords" as You establish Lordship in our hearts and in our lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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