Living a Life Free of Idolatry

BEING ALL IN WITH GOD

COLOSSIANS 3:5
ROMANS 1:25
EXODUS 20:3-6

Idolatry is Alive and Well

From Baal, Asherah and Molech.
To Venus and Artemis.
To the current day worship of self.

It's still the same Sin, the same Immorality,
same Idolatry.
Just with a Different Name and Face

1. We need to be looking at idolatry through a spiritual Lens

Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

2. Idolatry is about what you bow down and serve

Exodus 20:3-6

You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image- any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God.

What is at the core root of why we want that thing?

Are we are letting it become a bigger priority to us than God?

Are we letting it take the place of something that we should be turning to God for?

3. Coveting is Idolatry

Colossians 3:5

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you; sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness which is idolatry.

Coveting Dethrones God from Being the Lord of Our Lives in 3 Ways

Whatever we are craving and wishing to have often is the object of our highest affection.

Matthew 6:21
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

It redirects our trust from God to earthly things.

1 Timothy 6:17

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant or to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

It reshapes Worship to not being about God

Romans 1:25

They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator- who is forever praised. Amen.

4. We Need to Repent from Idolatry

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outburst of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

James 4:17

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is a sin.

Romans 6:1-2

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer.

5. You become More like what You worship

Psalm 115:4-8

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
They have mouths, but they do not speak. Eyes they have, but they do not see. They have ears, but they do not hear; noses they have, but they do not smell; they have hands, but they do not handle; feet they have, but they do not walk; nor do they mutter through their throat. Those who make them are like them – so is everyone who trusts in them.

2 Cornithians 3:18

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His image with ever – increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

6. Stay On Guard

1 Corinthians 10:13-14

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. Therefore, my beloved- flee idolatry.

Identifying Your Idols

- Your thoughts and imagination-

What captures your mind when you have free time?

- Your spending habits

Where does your money naturally flow?

- Your emotional responses -

What causes extreme anger, despair or anxiety when it is threatened or lost?

- Your expectations-

What do you feel like you must have in order to be happy, safe or valuable?

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