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BEWARE – IDOLS OF THE HEART

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הדברות

The Ten

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

אנכי יהוה אלהיך, לא יהיה לך
אלהים אחרים על פני.

2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven images.

לא תעשה לך פסל וכל תמונה.

3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

לא תישא את שם יהוה
אלהיך לשוא.

4. Remember the sabbath day.

זכור את יום השבת לקודשו.

עשרת

Commandments

5. Honor thy father and thy mother.

כבד את אביך ואת אימך.

6. Thou shalt not kill.

לא תרצח.

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

לא תנאף.

8. Thou shalt not steal.

לא תגנב.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

לא תענה ברעך עד שקר.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

לא תחמד בית רעך.

WHAT IS BIBLICAL IDOLATRY?

- COLOSSIANS 3:5 THEREFORE CONSIDER THE MEMBERS OF YOUR EARTHLY BODY AS DEAD TO IMMORALITY, IMPURITY, PASSION, EVIL DESIRE, AND GREED, WHICH AMOUNTS TO IDOLATRY.
- EXODUS 20:3 YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.
- EPHESIANS 5:5 FOR THIS YOU KNOW WITH CERTAINTY, THAT NO IMMORAL OR IMPURE PERSON OR COVETOUS MAN, WHO IS AN IDOLATER, HAS AN INHERITANCE IN THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST AND GOD.
- ROMANS 1:21, 25 FOR EVEN THOUGH THEY KNEW GOD, THEY DID NOT HONOR HIM AS GOD OR GIVE THANKS, BUT THEY BECAME FUTILE IN THEIR SPECULATIONS, AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED... FOR THEY EXCHANGED THE TRUTH OF GOD FOR A LIE, AND WORSHIPED AND SERVED THE CREATURE RATHER THAN THE CREATOR

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WHERE DO IDOLS OF THE HEART COME FROM?

EZEKIEL 14:3 SON OF MAN, THESE MEN HAVE SET UP
THEIR **IDOLS IN THEIR HEARTS** AND HAVE PUT RIGHT
BEFORE THEIR FACES THE STUMBLING BLOCK OF THEIR
INIQUITY.

WHERE DO IDOLS OF THE HEART COME FROM?

A black and white portrait of John Calvin, a bearded man wearing a cap and a high-collared garment, looking slightly to the right. The portrait is the background for the central text.

*The human heart
is a factory of idols.*

EVERY ONE OF US IS,
FROM HIS MOTHER'S WOMB,
EXPERT IN INVENTING IDOLS.

JOHN CALVIN



DO YOU WANT TO HAVE IDOLS IN YOUR HEART?

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YOU DO WHAT YOU DO

BECAUSE YOU WANT – WHAT YOU WANT

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PROGRESSION OF DESIRES TO IDOLS (TRIPP)

- **DESIRE**

I'd like to have: More stuff/better marriage
- **DEMAND**

I want to have (will get): More stuff/better marriage
- **NEED**

I must get: More stuff/better marriage
- **EXPECTATION**

You owe me: More stuff/better marriage
- **DISAPPOINTMENT**

You failed to give me: More stuff/better marriage
- **REACTION**
Acting out/Punishment/Anger

WHAT SHOULD BE OUR DESIRE?

- PSALM 73:25 WHOM HAVE I IN HEAVEN *BUT YOU?* AND BESIDES YOU, I DESIRE NOTHING ON EARTH.
- MATTHEW 22:37 AND HE SAID TO HIM, “‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’
- 1 COR 10:31 WHETHER, THEN, YOU EAT OR DRINK OR WHATEVER YOU DO, DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.
- 2 COR 5:9 THEREFORE WE ALSO HAVE AS OUR AMBITION, WHETHER AT HOME OR ABSENT, TO BE PLEASING TO HIM.

HOW DO WE IDENTIFY OUR IDOLS/RULING DESIRES?

- WORD OF GOD

- HEBREWS 4:12 FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD, AND PIERCING AS FAR AS THE DIVISION OF SOUL AND SPIRIT, OF BOTH JOINTS AND MARROW, AND ABLE TO JUDGE THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTIONS OF THE HEART.

- TRIALS

- JAMES 1:2-4 2 CONSIDER IT ALL JOY, MY BRETHREN, WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER VARIOUS TRIALS, 3 KNOWING THAT THE TESTING OF YOUR FAITH PRODUCES ENDURANCE. 4 AND LET ENDURANCE HAVE ITS PERFECT RESULT, SO THAT YOU MAY BE PERFECT AND COMPLETE, LACKING IN NOTHING.

- FEELINGS

- WHAT MAKES YOU ANGRY, EDGY, CRANKY, ANNOYED, ANXIOUS, AFRAID, HOPELESS, AND HUMILIATED?

IS THERE ANY HOPE OR GOOD NEWS?

YES!

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