

## MORE HIDDEN WILES OF SATAN

Are we overlooking idols in our lives? Does God look at idols as an abomination to Him? Is it actually easy for us to accept idols as a form of worship without recognizing it is blaspheming the true worship of God? Are we, who are being called by God, concerned about not being chosen because we choose to be blinded? Are we too bound by habit to want to change, so we just ignore what we don't want to admit? Do we admit that God actually hates some things that we embrace? Has God changed his mind when He says He hates idolatry? If we are involved in idolatry will God still answer our prayers? Can we set up idols in our hearts?

This first part of the study is not going to make me a lot of friends, but I feel compelled to post it because it has been on my mind for a long time.

This is what God said to men of Israel. Notice the where (and why) of the stumbling block, and how God identifies it. What is the root of their sins, and the results?

Eze 14:3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their face: should I be enquired of at all by them?

4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;

5 That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

7 For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by myself:

In ancient times they did not have cameras to take pictures, so they made what they thought represented a God. Today we have cameras to take images of who we think of when we imagine how Jesus looked. Of course different ones think of him as looking different. No one knows what he looked like, but (just as the men in the above scripture) they have set in their heart (mind, emotion, etc) what they think he may have looked like. Some may even recall their favorite image picture when they think to pray. Of course the picture they have set in their imagination always looks handsome, or even beautiful. Now, I know what you might say, "I don't bow down to, or worship my image of Jesus, it is not an idol." Neither did the men God condemned. What did Jesus actually look like? Isaiah answers:

Isa 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. In other words he was just an average, homely "man of many sorrows" Jew. Had it not been for his miracles and gentleness, women would never have given him a second glance.

Strong's Concordance original Greek language numbers to look up.

Isa 53:2 For he shall grow up <05927> (8799) before <06440> him as a tender plant <03126>, and as a root <08328> out of a dry <06723> ground <0776>: he hath no form <08389> nor comeliness <01926>; and when we shall see <07200> (8799) him, there is no beauty <04758> that we should desire <02530> (8799) him.

08389 rat to'ar to'-ar

from 08388; TWOT-2491a; n m

AV-form 3, goodly 2, beautiful + 03303 2, favoured 2, comely 1, countenance 1, fair + 03303 1, goodly + 02896 1, resembled 1, visage 1; 15

1) shape, form, outline, figure, appearance

02530 dmx chamad khaw-mad'

a primitive root; TWOT-673

AV-desire 11, covet 4, delight 2, pleasant 1, beauty 1, lust 1, delectable things 1; 21

1) to desire, covet, take pleasure in, delight in

1a) (Qal) to desire

- 1b) (Niphal) to be desirable
- 1c) (Piel) to delight greatly, desire greatly
- n f 2) desirableness, preciousness

After we get the original meaning of the Greek words we find that almost no one has this picture in their mind as to what Jesus actually looked like. Anything else is a false image of the Son of God. After all, if he had wanted us to know what he looked like would he not have given us a realistic description? The morning after he had resurrected he appeared to Mary, she thought he was the caretaker, he looked so average. God does not honor our prayers when we rebel against His strict command forbidding us to harbor handsome pictures of a false Jesus in our imaginations. If, in the past, God hated idols set in our minds, He still hates them now.

Of course there are many other idols we could mention, such as material possessions, celebrating pagan holidays, vanity, money, harmful lusts: smoking, sex, alcohol, bad diets, drugs etc. We do cover some of these topics on our web page foust.info. But for lack of space we will not go into them now.

Instead I will tell you that I looked in all four first of New Test books and could not find one place where Jesus instructed anyone to "worship" Himself in prayer, worship, or praise. Some did, just as some choose to do today.

Jesus always pointed everyone to God, the Father. He even said the words he spoke were not his, and that the work he did was all done by his Father.

I was really saddened to see so many pictures on FB, imagines of what so many think is worshipping Jesus. I do not say this out of any judgmental attitude, but out of love, for you, and for Jesus Christ. I know most think this is worshipping Jesus but is it? How does He want us to worship Him?

To read some scriptures you may find interesting go to:

Mt. 23:9, Mrk 1:44, & 14:6 Lu. 2:49, 8:39.

Another one of Satan's lies, not understood by most, needs to be exposed.

Since writing this study, God's holy spirit opened my understanding to how Satan has used the word "Heart" to misrepresent Him, to reduce our love from Him to one of our body parts. God gave us a body part, referred to as a heart, to keep our blood flowing through our veins. IT WAS ASSUMED AFTER THE LATIN TRANSLATORS DECIDED THE HEART WAS THE CENTER OF LIFE that it was the most important part of our life. That is another lie Satan sneaked into our vocabulary. The most important part of our physical body is the breath we breath given directly from our Creator at the time of our birth, along with the spirit in man, another part we identify as our brain.

Look in your search line for the word "SACRED HEART" to find such information as the paragraph below.: "The Sacred Heart was later enlisted in combat against the French Revolution, Communism and threats to family life. Pope Pius IX made it a feast of the universal church in 1856, and Leo XIII consecrated the entire world to the Sacred Heart in 1899. The devotion reached its magisterial peak in Pius XII's 1956 encyclical Haurietis Aquas (You Shall Draw Waters), which placed God's for humanity at its center."

a sense, the heart of man became the very source of life, replacing it in place of God. I will not judge anyone for accepting this kind of idolatry. I have been just as guilty as anyone. My title placed on my web page is: "OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S WORD."

Many of my studies have been quoted from the Bible, using the mistranslated word "heart". I have repented and will try to get it changed. If I do not have time, or find how to do that, please know that I tried.

We all should know the "heart" is a body part just as our kidneys or liver is. Think about it, our hearts do not take the place of OUR BREATH OR OUR MIND. This word heart was put in place of mind and/or spirit by Latin translators. If we are not aware of these little errors, we may become easily misled.

Satan wants us to replace (in our minds) an image of a human heart in place of God, in place of His spirit, His laws, His love, His power, and His word, etc.

The Bible tells us we will be judged, by God, for every idol word we use, especially if we take His name in vain.

Please read the study, "LOOKING FOR IDOLS IN OUR HEART" and "WHAT IS ABOMINATION TO GOD".