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- Intro Music - “My Father Is So Good To Me”

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Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topic as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is:

The False Gods

Ever since time began, mankind has tried to change this scripture: ***“Then the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being.” (Genesis Chapter 2:7)***

But those who didn't believe in God the Creator, heard the scripture in this way: ***"Man formed a god in the midst of his mind so that he could see a god that looked like himself and do whatever was right in his own eyes."***

Man created and made an image that looked like himself out of wood or stone and knelt before it saying, ***"You are my god, help me!"***

The big problem is he made a man with **EYES** that could not see, **EARS** that could not hear, a **MOUTH** that could not speak and **LEGS** that could not walk but had to be carried and set in its place!

In the Ten Commandments God gave to Moses were these commands:

"I am God, your Creator and have made all things. Don't give the respect I deserve to anybody or anything else."

Do not bow down to any idol or worship it because I am the Lord your God and tolerate no rivals." (Exodus, Chapter 20:Verses 3-5)

Yet some continued to worship their false gods and even try to convince others to do the same thing.

They made themselves less than their real Creator made them, and in time they became like the gods they themselves made!

In the prophecy that Jesus said is being fulfilled, he quoted from Isaiah, *Chapter 6: Verses 9-10*

'Go and say to this people;

You will listen, but not understand;

You will look and look, but not see,

Because this people's minds are dull

And they have stopped up their ears,

and closed their eyes

Otherwise, their eyes would see,

and their ears would hear,

and their minds would understand,

and they would turn to me, says God

and I would heal them'

Today, we may not see many people in our society bowing before wood and stone idols but we see people praising the corrupt morals of the gods people worshiped in ancient times.

We have replaced the wood and stone idols with anything that becomes more important to us than God, our Creator.

*And in Romans, Chapter 2: Verses 23-25, Paul wrote: **‘. . . and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like the corruptible man, - and birds and four footed beasts and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness in the lust of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged “the truth of God” for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.’***

So, do we know if something or someone in our life has become an idol to us? Does that something or someone draw us away from our God? We must examine ourselves and our motives.

Where do we spend our time and our money?

Where do we find our pleasure or joy?

And, what things do we constantly think about?

The first four commands of the Ten Commandments are about our relationship with God.

"I am God, your Creator and have made all things. Don't give the respect I deserve to anybody or anything else."

"Do not bow down to any idol or worship it because I am the Lord your God."

You shall not dishonor the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who dishonors his name.

Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall do all your work, but the seventh day is the day of rest.

The last six commandments have to do with the relationship of people to each other.

Honor you Father and your Mother.

Do not commit murder.

Do not commit adultery or be sexually immoral.

Do not steal.

Do not accuse anyone falsely.

Do not desire another man's house, do not desire another man's wife or his possessions.

You don't have to know the names of any gods that correspond to the sins for which they promoted. There are too many! You just have to know what God, the Creator of the Heavens and Earth and all life on it said in the Ten Commandments and Jesus, His Son said in the New Testament.

While Jesus referred to **mammon**, the word for money, there was no basis to suggest that mammon was ever a god, but Jesus saw that **money**, the pursuit of **wealth** and **power** could be worshiped like the gods of foreign nations.

Jesus referred to these as '**masters of your heart**' saying,

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." And

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." (Or money)

Money, Wealth, and Power! Are these the some of the idols and false gods of our modern day living?

And Jesus said this to his disciples, ***“Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”*** Matthew 19:23-24

And

“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?” Mark 8:36

And the next verse: 37

“Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

So, how much money or what would you trade your soul for to Satan?

I don't know how many people would say **‘No way! My soul is priceless, Not For Sale.**

But God said of Israel at the time of their captivity when they were taken to Babylonia in the book of ***Isaiah Chapter 52: Verse 3,***

“You have sold yourselves for nothing

And you shall be redeemed ‘without money’”

And you know that is true of so many people today. They have sold themselves for nothing!

They've traded it for the enticements the devil presented to them: money, power, fame, drugs and alcohol to make them feel great, sexual allurements of all sorts and every kind of worldly temptation.

And what have they received for giving up their soul? They've got ruined relationships in their marriages and families.

They have degraded their children for human trafficking and promoted prostitution and abortion.

They suffer addiction and pain. And they end up with great debt and misery because they followed after the flesh and maybe they don't realize....

They have sold themselves for nothing!

It is interesting that God said,

"You will be redeemed 'without money.'"

Peter said in the book 1st Peter, Chapter 1:18-19

"knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but you were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

Jesus said, in the book of Luke 9:23:

“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”

So that is our responsibility as the disciples of Jesus:

1. Deny ourselves from the sinful things of this world.
2. Take up our cross every day, which is, our burdens and troubles of this world knowing that God is our help and our savior.
3. Follow Jesus’ commands and not be ashamed of Jesus or the gospel, but help Him gather His creation (the people) for His kingdom.

And a final reading from John: 1st John, 2: 15-17

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life – is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

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