

WHAT'S WRONG WITH AN IDOL / IDOLATRY?

"Idolatry / idolize" - the creation of an image or figure that represents God and is used as a focal point in worship; the practice of (worship of) a made image as a god; excessive love of anything.

WHAT'S WRONG?

1. The improper understanding of God leads to moral breakdown.

(Ex. 32:6, v8) "and have worshipped it"

(Romans 1:18-25) (v25) "and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator"

(Acts 17:16-32) (v24-25) "dwells not in temples made with hands"

2. (Isaiah 44:9-20) (v10) "is profitable for nothing" (v20) "that he cannot deliver his soul"

3. (Isaiah 46:1, v5-7, v9) An idol god is a burden to us.

4. (Isaiah 55:6-11) We would make a god after our values and desires.

CONCLUSIONS

- 1. Don't worship:** 1) Idols (Ex. 20:3-6; Acts 17:22-29). 2) Satan (Matt. 4:8-11).
3) Apostles (Acts 10:25 and 14:11-15). 4) Preachers (Psalm 111:9; Mtt. 23:8-10).
5) Angels (Rev. 22:8-9).

2. God is not to be shaped into our image, we are to be shaped into His.

(Romans 12:1-2) "... be ye transformed ..."

(2 Cor. 3:18) "are changed into the same image from glory to glory"

(2 Cor. 5:17) "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature ..."

3. The real image of God is found in the life of Christ.

(Col. 1:14-15) "In whom (Jesus) ... who is the image of the invisible God ..."

(John 14:8-9) "... He that has seen me has seen the Father ..."

4. (1 John 5:21) "Little children, keep yourselves from idols. A-men"

(1 John 2:15-17) "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world ..."

(1 Cor. 10:14) "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry"

(Col. 3:5) "... which is idolatry"