

DO I HARBOR ANY IDOLS?

Judges 6:25, 26

It is the nature of mankind to be idolatrous--Because we:

- a. Trust in what we can see.
"...‘Come make us gods who will go before us....’"
Exodus 32:1
- b. Trust in what we have made.
"Of what value is an idol, since a man has carved it? Or an image that teaches lies? For he who makes it trusts in his own creation..."
Habakkuk 2:18
- c. We are prone to be idolatrous because we trust in riches.

Idolatry = "Obsession with anything to the degree that it takes the place of our devotion to God."

Why is idolatry condemned?

1. Denies the existence of the one true God.
2. Degrades our life experience.

"...when they came to Baal Peor, they consecrated themselves to that shameful idol and became as vile as the thing they loved."
Hosea 9:10

"Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator..."

Romans 1:24, 25

3. God's protection is withdrawn.
"...the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and for seven years He gave them into the hands of the Midianites."
Judges 6:1
4. Will not inherit the kingdom of God.
"Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God?...."
1 Corinthians 6:9
5. Gives false hope.

“All who make idols are nothing, and the things they treasure are worthless.. Who shapes a god and casts an idol, which can profit him nothing?” Isaiah 44:9 - 10

“No one is like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is mighty in power...but the Lord is the true God; He is the living God, the eternal King....”

Jeremiah 10:6, 10