

July 18 – 24, 2009
WORSHIP THE KING

In this lesson you will learn that the world is full of idols. An idol is an idea or concept or anything that exalts itself above God. Idolatry is anything that stands between you and God.

- I. First two commandments are about worship.
 - A. Exodus 20:1-6 – “You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image...you shall not bow down to them nor serve them” – vv. 3-5.
- II. Old Testament idols.
 - A. Isaiah 44:6-20 – “I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God ... Those who make an image, all of them are useless... Indeed he makes a god and worships it; he makes it a carved image, and falls down to it ... and worships it” – vv. 6,9,15,17.
 - B. Isaiah 2:8 – “Their land is also full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands; that which their own fingers have made.”
- III. Greatest commandment – Matthew 22:36-39.
 - A. Verse 37 – “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”
 - B. Verse 39 – “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
- IV. We are to worship God not idols.
 - A. There is a battle for worship and it started in the Garden of Eden. Worship is about who you serve and to whom give allegiance.
 - B. Matthew 4:8-10 – Satan wanted Jesus to worship him, but Jesus said, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve’” – v. 10.
 - C. John 4:2-24 -We are to worship in spirit (from your heart) and in truth (no pretense). Worship is not external but about what you feel in your heart (Exodus 34:14).
- V. Four things to remember about worship.
 - A. God is our source and everything we have comes from Him.
 - B. Worship expresses thankfulness and gratitude to God.
 - C. Worship exalts, glorifies, and honors God.
 - D. Worship is a surrender of your heart.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What have been some idols in your life?
- Is there something in your life that is useless?
- Do you need to lay down any idols, something that has taken a part of your heart?

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

This week listen for these idolatrous comments: Do not let anything become an idol in your life.

My whole life is...

He lives for.....

I would die for...

That's their life...

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE: Exodus 20:3 – “You shall have no other gods before Me.”