

“Are You An Idolater?”

Ezekiel 14:3-7

Introduction

- I. For many people, the immediate response would be no...but is that true?
- II. Idolatry can be far more than simply making an image and worshipping it.

Discussion

- I. For some, there is the idol of earthly possessions and gain.
 - A. One who has not can become consumed with want, and those that have much can be consumed with more.
 - B. We must remember that life is not about the accumulation of “things” (Luke 12:15).
 - C. Worldly possessions and gain can cost us our very souls (Col. 3:5-6; 1 Tim. 6:6-11, 17-19; Mark 10:17-23; cf. 2 Cor. 6:10).
- II. For some, there is the idol of fame or notoriety.
 - A. There are parents that are more concerned with their children being popular than they are about their children being faithful to God.
 - B. Consider how some in the first century cared more about popularity than they did faithfulness (John 12:42-43).
 - C. We should understand that being faithful to God may mean that the majority will turn against us (John 16:1-4; cf. Matt. 5:10-12; Rom. 1:16).
- III. For some, there is the idol of power/position.
 - A. We should never allow ourselves to believe that we are too important to be rebuked (Gal. 2:11-13; cf. 1 Cor. 10:12).
 - B. For the Christian, we should be grateful simply to be servants of the Lord (Luke 17:7-10; John 12:26; Mark 10:42-45).
 - C. Humility is more important than power/position (James 4:10; 1 Pet. 5:6).
- IV. For some, there is the idol of vanity.
 - A. Unfortunately, there are some who devote much time and energy for the appearance of the physical body, but are unwilling to spend much time to be faithful to the Lord.
 - B. Vanity is a sin that does not get much preaching (Prov. 31:30; cf. 1 Tim. 4:7-8; Eccl. 1:9-11).

Conclusion

- I. So, are you an idolater?
- II. Obedience to the Gospel, and living faithfully to God, is far better than serving any idol that cannot save.