

Idolatry

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

- 1 Corinthians 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, 1 Corinthians 10:2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 1 Corinthians 10:3 all ate the same spiritual food, 1 Corinthians 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. 1 Corinthians **10:6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 1 Corinthians 10:7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." 1 Corinthians 10:8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; 1 Corinthians 10:9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 1 Corinthians 10:10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.**
 - "Bull-calf" is better than either calf or "bull," since the male bovine was widely recognized as a symbol of power and fertility, and the Hebrew clearly denotes a young bull. This is Jehovah our deliverer but within this false worship was facilitated the sensuality of the flesh.
 - Aaron's golden calf was probably modeled after Apis, an Egyptian bull god. Apis was connected with another Egyptian god, Osiris. Magnificent bulls worshiped in life as Apis were buried at death as Osiris-Apis, a name that became Serapis during the intertestamental period. The notoriety of Aaron's golden calf is underscored by several biblical references to it in historical summaries (**Dt 9:16, 21; Neh 9:18; Ps 106:19, 20; Acts 7:39-41**)
 - **This act of rebellion was so notable that it served as an example of God's justice from that time forward. But as is so common that history be repeated, those who were unlearned fell into the same trap of turning to their own devices.**
 - Jeroboam I (930-909 bc), the first **king** of Israel after the division of the monarchy, set up shrines at Dan in the far north and at Bethel in the south, installing a golden calf in each (1 Kgs 12:2)
 - Deuteronomy 28:36 "The Lord will bring you and **the king whom you set over you** to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods—wood and stone.
- **Judges3:1** Now these are the nations which the Lord left, that He might test Israel by them, that is, all who had not known any of the wars in Canaan 2 (this was only so that the generations of the children of Israel might be taught to know war, at least those who had not formerly known it), 3 namely, five lords of the Philistines, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites who dwelt in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal Hermon to the entrance of Hamath. 4 And they were left, that He might test Israel by them, to know whether they would obey the commandments of the Lord, which He had commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.
- 5 Thus the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 6 And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons; and they served their gods.
- Othniel
- 7 So the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. They forgot the Lord their God, and served the Baals and Asherahs. 8 Therefore the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and He sold them into the hand of Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia; and the children of Israel served Cushan-Rishathaim eight years. 9 When the children of Israel cried out to the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for the children of Israel, who delivered them: Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. 10 The Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the Lord delivered Cushan-

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Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed over Cushan-Rishathaim. 11 So the land had rest for forty years. Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

Judges 4:1 When Ehud was dead, the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord. 2 So the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who dwelt in Harosheth Hagoyim. 3 And the children of Israel cried out to the Lord; for Jabin had nine hundred chariots of iron, and for twenty years he had harshly oppressed the children of Israel.

4 Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time. 5 And she would sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the mountains of Ephraim. And the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. 6 Then she sent and called for Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "Has not the Lord God of Israel commanded, 'Go and deploy troops at Mount Tabor; take with you ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun; 7 and against you I will deploy Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude at the River Kishon; and I will deliver him into your hand'?"

Judges 4:11 Now Heber the Kenite, of the children of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, had separated himself from the Kenites and pitched his tent near the terebinth tree at Zaanaïm, which is beside Kedesh.

Judges 5:8 **They chose new gods;** Then there was war in the gates; Not a shield or spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel.

Judges 5:11 Far from the noise of the archers, among the watering places, There they shall recount the righteous acts of the Lord, The righteous acts for His villagers in Israel; Then the people of the Lord shall go down to the gates.

Judges 5:12 "Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake, awake, sing a song! Arise, Barak, and lead your captives away, O son of Abinoam!

Judges 5:13 "Then the survivors came down, the people against the nobles; The Lord came down for me against the mighty.

Judges 5:14 From Ephraim were those whose roots were in Amalek. After you, Benjamin, with your peoples, From Machir rulers came down, And from Zebulun those who bear the recruiter's staff.

Judges 5:15 And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; As Issachar, so was Barak Sent into the valley under his command; **Among the divisions of Reuben There were great resolves of heart.**

resolves of : resolution - the trait of being resolute

resolute Adjective. admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering: she was resolute and unswerving.

ISAIAH 2:6 FOR YOU HAVE FORSAKEN YOUR PEOPLE, THE HOUSE OF JACOB, BECAUSE THEY ARE FILLED WITH EASTERN WAYS; THEY ARE SOOTHSAYERS LIKE THE PHILISTINES, AND THEY ARE PLEASED WITH THE CHILDREN OF FOREIGNERS.

Isaiah 2:7 Their land is also full of silver and gold, And there is no end to their treasures; Their land is also full of horses, And there is no end to their chariots.

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.

Very similar to the self help teaching and striving to fulfill your full potential according to the world's system of thought

- 6–33; 2 Chr 11:13–15). **Israel's prophets knew that such calves were not the one true God (Hos 8:5, 6). Hosea called the calf at Bethel ("house of God") the calf of "Bethaven" ("house of wickedness," Hos 10:5, 6).** Within two centuries after Jeroboam's time people had stooped to kissing calves (Hos 13:2), and Jeroboam's sinful act was listed as one of the main factors leading to the destruction of Samaria, Israel's capital city, and the northern kingdom's exile in 722 bc (2 Kgs 17:16).
- **king** -Deuteronomy 17:15 you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.
- Deuteronomy 17:18 "Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. Deuteronomy 17:19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, Deuteronomy 17:20 that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.

1 Kings 3:1 Now Solomon made a treaty with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and married Pharaoh's daughter; then he brought her to the City of David until he had finished building his own house, and the house of the Lord, and the wall all around Jerusalem.

1 Kings 11:1 But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites—

1 Kings 11:2 from the nations of whom the Lord had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love.

1 Kings 11:3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart.

1 Kings 11:4 For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God, as was the heart of his father David.

1 Kings 11:5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

1 Kings 11:6 Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not fully follow the Lord, as did his father David.

1 Kings 11:7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon. **(Child sacrifices)**

1 Kings 11:8 And he did likewise for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

1 Kings 11:9 So the Lord became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the Lord God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice,

1 Kings 11:10 and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not keep what the Lord had commanded.

1 Kings 11:11 Therefore the Lord said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant.

1 Kings 11:12 Nevertheless I will not do it in your days, for the sake of your father David; I will tear it out of the hand of your son.

1 Kings 11:13 However I will not tear away the whole kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of my servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen."

JEROBOAM: GOLDEN CALVES, IN THE MONTH WHICH HE HAD DEVISED IN HIS OWN HEART

1 Kings 12:25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim, and dwelt there. Also he went out from there and built Penuel.

1 Kings 12:26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom may return to the house of David:

1 Kings 12:27 If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah."

1 Kings 12:28 Therefore the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!"

1 Kings 12:29 And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.

1 Kings 12:30 Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as Dan.

1 Kings 12:31 He made shrines on the high places, and made priests from every class of people, who were not of the sons of Levi.

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1 Kings 12:32 Jeroboam ordained a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the feast that was in Judah, and offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And at Bethel he installed the priests of the high places which he had made.

1 Kings 12:33 So he made offerings on the altar which he had made at Bethel on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, **in the month which he had devised in his own heart**. And he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and offered sacrifices on the altar and burned incense.

Those who don't know doctrine make up/devise in their own heart "sermons" although they might have good intentions they're telling the truth of God's word

Nehemiah 6:5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me as before, the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand.

Nehemiah 6:6 In it was written: It is reported among the nations, and Geshem says, that you and the Jews plan to rebel; therefore, according to these rumors, you are rebuilding the wall, that you may be their king.

Nehemiah 6:7 And you have also appointed prophets to proclaim concerning you at Jerusalem, saying, "There is a king in Judah!" Now these matters will be reported to the king. So come, therefore, and let us consult together.

Nehemiah 6:8 Then I sent to him, saying, "No such things as you say are being done, but **you invent them in your own heart.**"

Nehemiah 6:9 For they all were trying to make us afraid, saying, "Their hands will be weakened in the work, and it will not be done." Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.

Nehemiah 6:10 Afterward I came to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was a secret informer; and he said, "Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you; indeed, at night they will come to kill you."

Nehemiah 6:11 And I said, "Should such a man as I flee? And who is there such as I who would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in!"

Nehemiah 6:12 Then I perceived that God had not sent him at all, but that he pronounced this prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

Nehemiah 6:13 For this reason he was hired, that I should be afraid and act that way and sin, so that they might have cause for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

Nehemiah 6:14 My God, remember Tobiah and Sanballat, according to these their works, and the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who would have made me afraid.

Numbers 15:37 Again the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

Numbers 15:38 "Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners.

Numbers 15:39 And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the Lord and do them, and that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined,

Numbers 15:40 and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy for your God.

Numbers 15:41 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord your God."

Psalm 103:17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children,

Psalm 103:18 To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them.

Leviticus 26:40 'But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me,

Leviticus 26:41 and that I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept their guilt—

Leviticus 26:42 then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember; I will remember the land.

Leviticus 26:45 But for their sake I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the Lord.' "

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2 Kings 13:23 But the Lord was gracious to them, had compassion on them, and regarded them, because of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not yet destroy them or cast them from His presence.

Deuteronomy 7:9 "Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, **the faithful God** who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

What God has ever been mentioned to be the God of truth

Nehemiah 1:5 And I said: "I pray, Lord God of heaven, O great and awesome God, You who keep Your covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments,

Daniel 9:4 And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

Daniel 9:5 we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.

Daniel 9:6 Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land.

Daniel 9:7 O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.

Daniel 9:8 "O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You.

Daniel 9:9 To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him.

Psalms 146:5 Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in the Lord his God,

Psalms 146:6 Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever,

Deuteronomy 4:12 And the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire.

You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice.

Deuteronomy 4:13 So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone.

Deuteronomy 4:14 And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might observe them in the land which you cross over to

possess. Deuteronomy 4:15 "Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire,

Isaiah 40:18 To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him?

Deuteronomy 4:35 To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord Himself is God; there is none other besides Him.

Deuteronomy 4:36 Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire.

Deuteronomy 4:37 And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them; and He brought you out of Egypt with His Presence, with His mighty power,

Deuteronomy 4:38 driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land as an inheritance, as it is this day.

Deuteronomy 4:39 Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the Lord Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

Deuteronomy 4:33 Did any people ever hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live?

Deuteronomy 4:34 Or did God ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

Deuteronomy 4:35 To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord Himself is God; there is none other besides Him.

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All that God did He did in the sight and hearing of all the people of Israel. It wasn't just Moses getting a special revelation and the rest of Israel followed blindly. God spoke words, they heard His voice and the ten commandments were recorded on stone. It's interesting they never worshiped the tablets of stone

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

Mark 2:5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, **"Son, your sins are forgiven you."**

Mark 2:6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

Mark 2:7 "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? **Who can forgive sins but God alone?**"

Mark 2:8 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts?"

Mark 2:9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'?

Mark 2:10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic,

Mark 2:11 "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

Mark 2:12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, **so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"**

**9 is easier, to say to the paralytic: indeed which is easier?-
7 can forgive sins but God alone?**

10.. forgive: to stop blaming or taking an offense into account.

sins : guilt - the state of having broken God's law (and now being liable to legal consequences).

you may know :to acknowledge - to accept(someone)to be what is claimed.

power : ruling authority- authority over a domain or sphere of influence; often pertaining to the political or religious sphere.

What other god ever forgave sins??

Matthew 8:23 Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.

Matthew 8:24 And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

Matthew 8:25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

Matthew 8:26 But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

Matthew 8:27 So the men marveled, saying, **"Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"**

1 Thessalonians 1:8 For from you **the word of the Lord** has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. **Your faith toward God** has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.

1 Thessalonians 1:9 For **they themselves** declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

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1 Thessalonians 1:10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

the word of the Lord + Your faith toward God = they themselves

1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

1 John 5:20 And **we know** that the Son of God **has come** and has **given us an understanding**, that **we may know** Him who is **true**; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the **true** God and eternal life.

1 John 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

We know:to know (reflectively) - to know or have knowledge about (someone or something);normally as acquired through reflection or thinking.

Given:to grant - to allow have (as a privilege).

an understanding: disposition (attitude) - an attitude of mind that favors one option over others.

we may know:to know (experientially) - to know or have knowledge about (someone or something);normally as acquired through observation or the senses.

true : truthful - expressing or characterized by expressing the truth. Real; true; genuine

Acts 17:22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious;

Acts 17:23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

Acts 17:24 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

Acts 17:25 Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

Acts 17:26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

Acts 17:27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

Acts 17:28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

Acts 17:29 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

Acts 17:30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

Acts 17:31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Acts 17:32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter."

Acts 17:33 So Paul departed from among them.

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Acts 17:34 However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.