



IDENTIFYING IDOLATRY

EXODUS 20:1-6

When you hear the term “idolatry,” what comes to mind? Small, handmade figurines? Temples devoted to deities? If your concept of idolatry is limited to physical objects, then it would be easy for you to conclude that idolatry is not a contemporary problem. But idolatry is not limited to representations of deities or locations where they are worshiped. Idolatry can happen at any time in any place with anything.

1. IDOLATRY IS A _____ PROBLEM.

The Ten Commandments begin with the commands to “have no other _____ before” God (Exodus 20:2) and to “not make” an _____ (Exodus 20:4), and all the other commands existed to keep the Israelites from engaging in _____.

Jesus summarized the goal of the Ten Commandments as well as the entire Mosaic Law by saying that it was designed to _____ God (Mark 12:30).

2. IDOLATRY IS A _____ PROBLEM.

Idolatry occurs whenever the _____ gets worshipped instead of the _____ (Romans 1:21-25).

“Worship is the built-in human reflex to put your _____ in something or someone and then chase after it.”¹ The reason this is considered idolatry is because our hope is _____ for God (1 Timothy 1:1; 4:10; 1 Peter 1:3, 13).

3. IDOLATRY IS AN _____ PROBLEM.

God told Ezekiel that the Israelite elders had “taken their idols into their _____” (Ezekiel 14:3). This means that idolatry was an _____ problem rather than an _____ problem.

God’s reason for prohibiting the worship of other gods and the construction of idols was because He is “a _____ God” (Exodus 20:5). That means He is unwilling to share our _____ with anyone or anything else.

7 QUESTIONS TO ASK TO DETERMINE IF YOU HAVE AN IDOL PROBLEM:

- 1) What _____ you?
- 2) What do you _____ about the most?
- 3) Where do you make _____ sacrifices?
- 4) What _____ you?
- 5) Where is your _____?
- 6) What _____ you?
- 7) What are your _____?

¹ Kyle Idelman, *Gods at War* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2013): 59.



MY WORSHIP NOTES

Listen and write down notes from today's singing and sermon!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle One: **Sunday** **Wednesday** Circle One: **Morning** **Evening**

LIST THE SONGS
THAT WE SANG:



WHAT SCRIPTURE WAS READ? _____

WHAT WAS THE SERMON TITLE? _____



MAKE A MARK FOR EACH TIME YOU HEAR THESE WORDS IN THE SERMON:

GOD	JESUS	IDOLATRY	PROBLEM
WORSHIP	HOPE	HEART(S)	PRIORITY

WRITE DOWN THE BIBLE
VERSES THAT WERE
USED IN THE SERMON:

DRAW A PICTURE BASED ON TODAY'S LESSON