

American Idols

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4 They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

5 "Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; 6 they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; 7 they love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them 'Rabbi.'

Matthew 23:4-7

Beware of the Idol of ME (Daniel 4)

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Beware of the Idol of YOU (Daniel 3)

The Fiery Furnace

Beware of the Idol of STUFF (Daniel 1)

The Kings Royal Food

Common Themes:

- God goes before us
- God is with us
- Obedience to God is not optional or selective
- Faith is more than talk
- Faith exercised through actions grows stronger
- Faith in God doesn't eliminate troubles, trials, & tests... it guarantees them

BIG IDEA: Beware of the Idol of RELIGION

NOTES:

Phylacteries

(Exodus 13:1-10, 11-16, Deuteronomy 6:4-9 & 11:13-21)

Matthew 22:37-39

37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

MY NEXT STEP IS: