

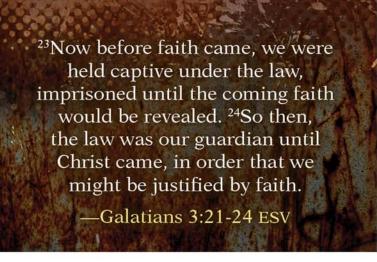


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21...if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law.
22But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

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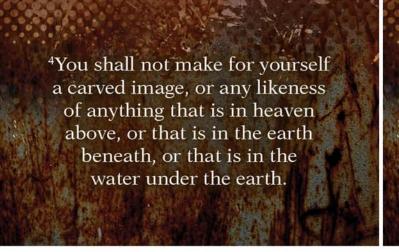
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...knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

—Galatians 2:16 NKJV

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⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me...

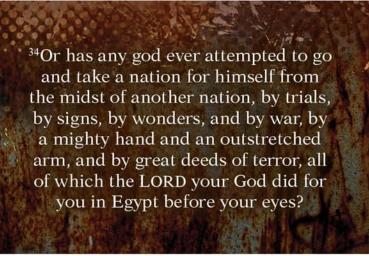
-Exodus 20:4-5 ESV

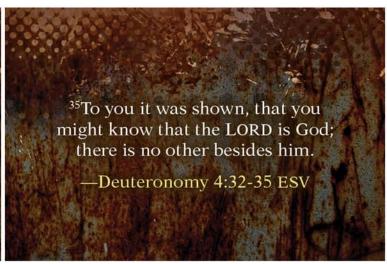
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Deuteronomy 4:1, 32-40

³²For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. ³³Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live?

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Every negative command has a positive intent and every positive command has a negative consequence.

Idolatry is a Counterfeit in the Culture of Humanity

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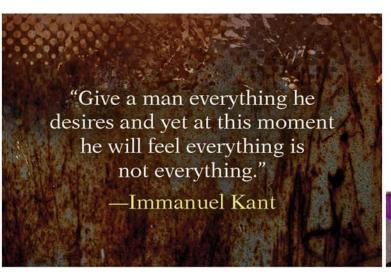
"The biblical concept of idolatry is an extremely sophisticated idea, integrating intellectual, psychological, social, cultural, and spiritual categories."

—Timothy Keller, Counterfeit Gods

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Material gods of Representation

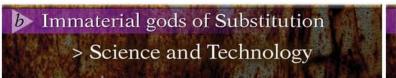
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Immaterial gods of Substitution

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God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

—John 4:24 ESV

Idolatry is Any Rivalry in My Heart to the Will of God

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"What is an idol? It is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give you." —Timothy Keller

...these men have taken their idols into their hearts, and set the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces... —Ezekiel 14:3 ESV

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"No image constructed by human hands could ever accurately represent the totality, the transcendency, and the majesty of God. We could never shape, pain, or chisel anything that would be an adequate representation of who God is."

"To attempt to do so would be like asking a scholar to explain the history of the world in a sentence, or a sculptor make a replica of Mount Rushmore on a single grain of sand, or a musician to play Beethoven's 5th Symphony with a referee's whistle."

—Bill Hybels

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"Left to ourselves, we tend immediately to reduce God to manageable terms. We want to get Him where we can use Him or at least know where He is when we need Him. We want a God we can in some measure control."

—A.W. Tozer

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God Will Not Be Conformed to

My Imagination

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Idolatry is Any Rivalry in My Heart to the Will of God
God Will Not Be Limited to
My Location

Idolatry is Any Rivalry in My Heart to the Will of God
God Will Not Be Manipulated by
My Action

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15He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

16For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

... keep yourselves from idols. —1 John 5:21 ESV

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¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

19For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

—Colossians 1:15-20 ESV

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