

Our Search for Something

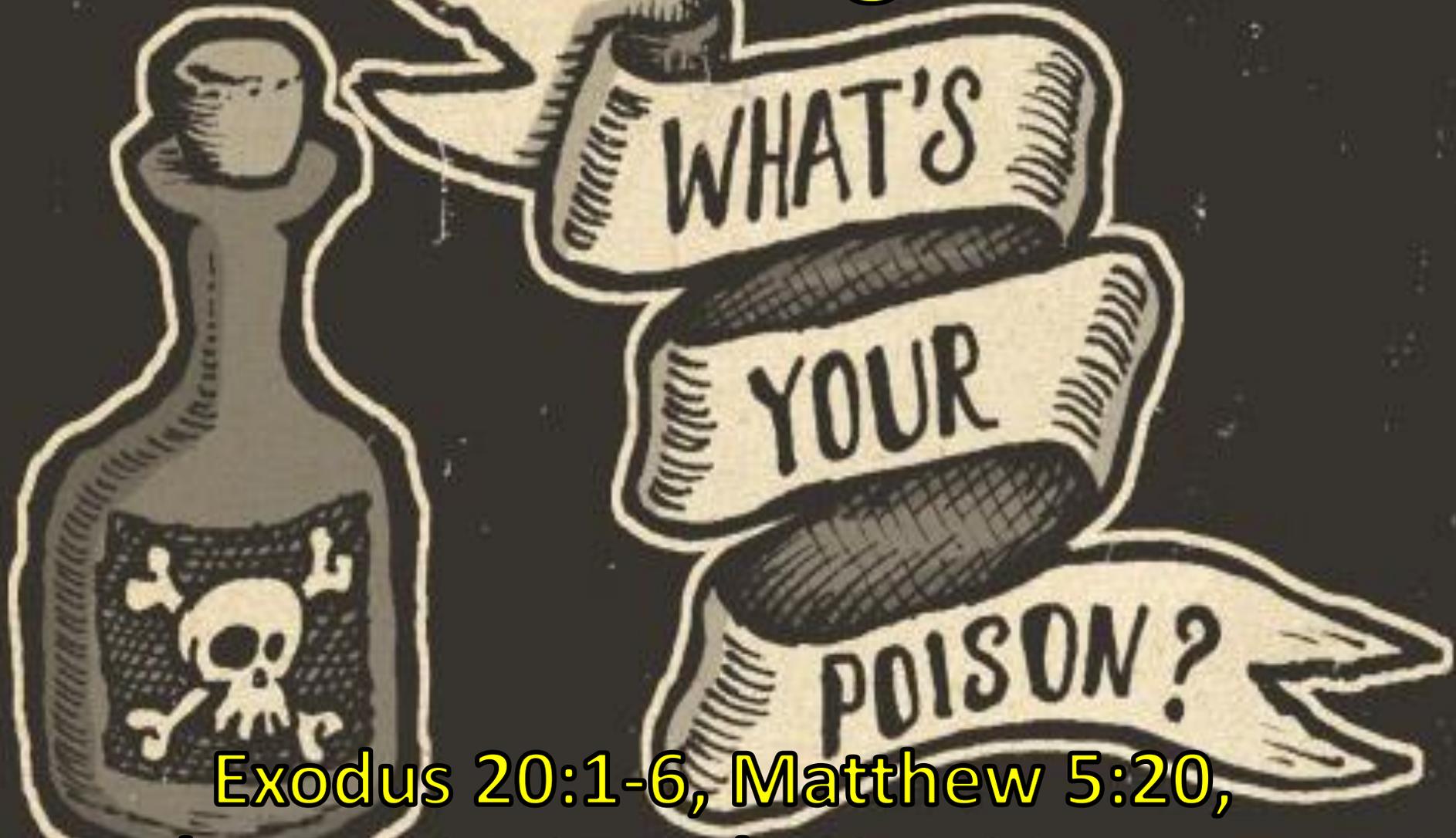
TRUE

OR

FALSE

Solid to Stand On.

Part Three: Religious Idols



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Matthew 7: 21-27; John 3:1-21; Hosea 1-3

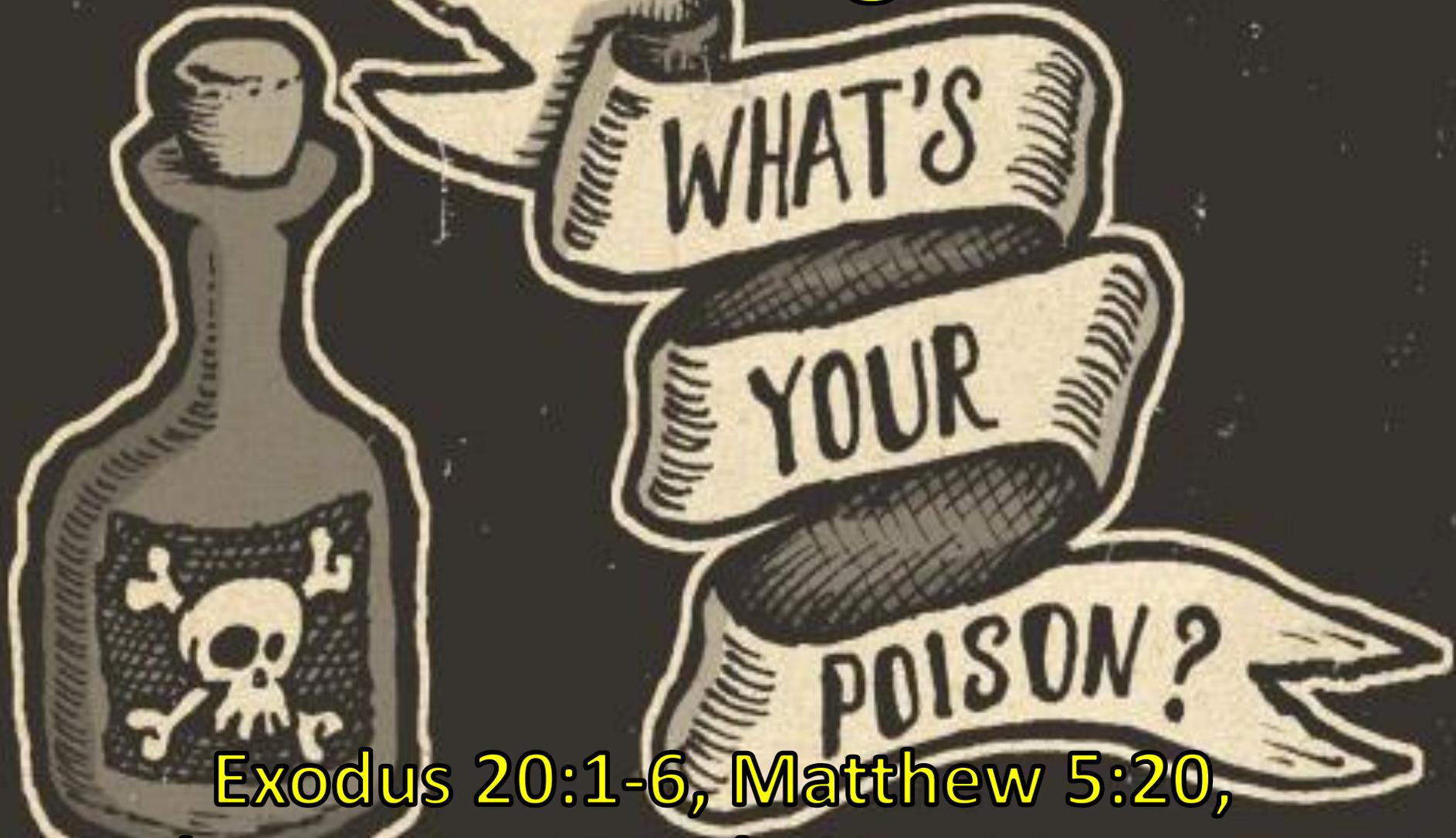
Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery. Do not have other gods besides Me. Do not make an idol for yourself, whether in the shape of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. You must not bow down to them or worship them;

for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God,
punishing the children for the fathers' sin, to
the third and fourth generations of those who
hate Me, but showing faithful love to a
thousand generations of those who love Me
and keep My commands. -Exodus 20:1-6

For I tell you, unless your righteousness
surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

– Matthew 5:20

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“Idolatry is any unauthorized noun that you look to meet your needs. An idol is anything in the creation that competes with the Creator.”

–Tony Evans

Four Spiritual Truths:

1. An Idol will always break your heart because it can't stand up under the weight of your hope.
2. When the idol is a person, the relationship will always crumble because they can't withstand the pressure of your expectation.
3. Idols always turn violent.
4. Idols can be a "**GOOD**" thing.

The Idol of Performance

Are you a Christian?

“Yes, I ATTEND church, PRAY,...”

“Yes, I walked the ISLE, said a PRAYER...”

“Yes, I DON'T...”

PERFORMANCE will never get you where you want to go.



**“Sometimes, we
feel righteous by
offering up to God
someone else’s
unrighteousness.”**

–Matt Chandler

The Idol of Damp Sponge

“We know you have come from God as a
TEACHER,...”

For the moldy sponge, the truth becomes
TRIVIA.

The LIGHT has come into the WORLD.

When the ROACHES scurry.

See what happens at the FLICK of the switch

At the Altar of Hosea

Idolatry is **ABANDONING** the Lord

There is always **OFFSPRING** of idolatry

Redemption **COSTS**

God desires **RELATIONSHIP** not religion

What About You?

Are you banking on your record?

Are you banking on what you know
about God?

Are you banking on God to buy you back?