

# TRUE WORSHIPERS – Part 2

## Romans 12:1

**1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.**

### **Romans 12:1 GOOD NEWS BIBLE**

**1 So then, my brothers and sisters, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, DEDICATED TO HIS SERVICE and pleasing to him. THIS IS THE TRUE WORSHIP...**

Again, I want to point out how in this verse “true worship” is associated with being *dedicated* to God. Therefore, we might say that true worship or *true worshippers* are those who dedicate (or separate) themselves to the service of God!

This is the one aspect of worship that seems under attack. It's not so much our *act* of worship that appears to be under attack, but rather the *sanctity* of it!

## Revelation 2:20

**20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and TO EAT THINGS SACRIFICED UNTO IDOLS.**

Here “Jezebel” represents a harlot spirit that has infiltrated the Church. This spirit not only tries to promote itself, but it also tries to seduce God's people, particularly in the area of *worship*. Now, the phrase “to eat things sacrificed to idols” represents a tactic to introduce things into worship that was formerly used (or that is presently used) in the worship of idols or devils. So, instead of teaching men to “refrain” from these things, this false spirit tries encourages men to find ways to redeem them in the worship of God!

We're witnessing an era in which many are simply taking things directly from the world and bringing them into the Church. As a result, we are worshipping with “things” (like music, dances, musicians) and in “spaces” that were formerly used in the worship of idols. (We almost need to do what Daniel and his companions did, which was refuse to eat the ‘king's meat.’ Daniel and his companions did not abstain from this ‘meat’ because they were vegetarians. They abstained from this ‘meat’ because it was used in the worship of idols *before* being brought to the table!)

### **1 Corinthians 10:19–21**

**19** What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in **SACRIFICE TO IDOLS** is any thing? **20** But / say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they **SACRIFICE TO DEVILS**, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have **FELLOWSHIP WITH DEVILS**. **21** Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

Basically we cannot worship God and worship the devil. Nor can we worship God with what we use to worship the devil!

Most people don't realize that when we receive certain beliefs or fellowship with those who hold certain beliefs or doctrines, we can become corrupt and defiled by unclean spirits.

### **Ephesians 4:22**

**22** That ye **PUT OFF** concerning the former conversation the old man, which is **CORRUPT ACCORDING TO THE DECEITFUL LUSTS**;

### **2 Corinthians 11:3, 4**

**3** But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your **MINDS** should be **CORRUPTED** from the simplicity that is in Christ. **4** For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if ye RECEIVE ANOTHER SPIRIT*, which ye have not received, or **ANOTHER GOSPEL**, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*.

Notice that when we receive false beliefs (“another gospel”) we can ALSO receive false spirits! These spirits defile us AND our worship. This is significant because God has called us to be ‘holy,’ which means that He requires us to keep ourselves from the world, particularly those things that are used to worship or celebrate evil.

### **Deuteronomy 7:1–6**

**1** When the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; **2** And when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, *and* utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: **3** Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. **4** For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and destroy thee

suddenly. <sup>5</sup> But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall **DESTROY THEIR ALTARS, and BREAK DOWN THEIR IMAGES, and CUT DOWN THEIR GROVES, and BURN THEIR GRAVEN IMAGES** with fire. <sup>6</sup> For thou *art* an **HOLY** people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a **SPECIAL** people unto himself, above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

Israel was called to be a “holy” people unto God, which meant that they were called to be “special” or *different* from everyone else. (My question to you is this, “What’s different about you?” I’m not talking about being different for difference sake. I’m talking about **BEING DIFFERENT FOR GOD’S SAKE!**)

We should also point out that God commanded Israel to destroy all the altars, images and groves that was used by the Canaanites in the worship of their false gods. (Sometimes it’s necessary to destroy the symbols and instruments we used to serve the devil just so they don’t lead us back into false worship!)

#### **Deuteronomy 7:16**

<sup>16</sup> And thou shalt **CONSUME ALL THE PEOPLE** which the Lord thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for **THAT WILL BE A SNARE UNTO THEE.**

Unless they “consumed” (destroyed) all their enemies and all the gods/idols of their enemies, they would become a “snare” unto them. Meaning, their gods would bring them into a snare and deprive them of God’s freedom and blessings.

#### **Deuteronomy 7:12–15**

<sup>12</sup> Wherefore it shall come to pass, **IF YE HEARKEN** to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the Lord thy God **SHALL KEEP UNTO THEE THE COVENANT** and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers: <sup>13</sup> And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also **BLESS THE FRUIT OF THY WOMB, and the FRUIT OF THY LAND, thy CORN, and thy WINE, and thine OIL, the increase of thy KINE, and the flocks of thy SHEEP,** in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee. <sup>14</sup> Thou shalt be **BLESSED ABOVE ALL PEOPLE:** there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. <sup>15</sup> And the Lord will **TAKE AWAY FROM THEE ALL SICKNESS,** and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all *them* that hate thee.