Idolatry's Allure and Cure

Psalm 115

- I. The Allure of Idols. 4 things that make them alluring:
 - 1. They're alluring because we can see them. vs. 2-3a.
 - 2. They're alluring because they are valuable: v. 4a
 - 3. They're alluring because we fashion & make them. v. 4b
 - 4. They're alluring in times of depression or loneliness.
- II. The Futility of Idols 115: 5-7
- III. The Effects of Idols. v. 8
 - A. They make us like themselves: blind, dumb and deaf spiritually.
 - B. They shrink our souls to their size.
- IV. The Cure for Idolatry. <u>2-fold Cure</u>:
 - A. We are called to repent, to turn from trusting idols to trusting God.
 - B. Our worship drives God's truth deep into our hearts and so severs the roots of idolatry.

Conclusion: I John 1:20-21 – The New Testament Fulfillment of Psalm 115