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[Genesis 3:8 NKJV](#)

8 And they heard the [c]sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the [d]cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

[Ezekiel 14:1-11](#)

14 Now some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me. **2** And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, **3** “Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put before them that which causes them to stumble into iniquity. Should I let Myself be inquired of at all by them?

4 “Therefore speak to them, and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Everyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the Lord will answer him who comes, according to the multitude of his idols, **5** that I may seize the house of Israel by their heart, because they are all estranged from Me by their idols.” ’

6 “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Repent, turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your abominations. **7** For anyone of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, then comes to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me, I the Lord will answer him by Myself. **8** I will set My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of My people. Then you shall know that I *am* the Lord.

9 “And if the prophet is induced to speak anything, I the Lord have induced that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand against him and destroy him from among My people Israel. **10** And they shall bear their iniquity; the punishment of the prophet shall be the same as the punishment of the one who inquired, **11** that the house of Israel may no longer stray from Me, nor be profaned anymore with all their transgressions, but that they may be My people and I may be their God,” says the Lord God.’ ”

[Exodus 20:4 NKJV](#)

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of *anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth;

Presumption

[Ezekiel 14:3 NKJV](#)

3 “Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put before them that which causes them to stumble into iniquity. Should I let Myself be inquired of at all by them?

[Romans 13:14 NKJV](#)

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

Estrangement

[Ezekiel 14:5 NKJV](#)

5I will do this to recapture the hearts of the people of Israel, who have all deserted me for their idols.'

[Jeremiah 3:9 NLT](#)

9Israel treated it all so lightly—she thought nothing of committing adultery by worshiping idols made of wood and stone. So now the land has been polluted.

Spiritual Deafness

[Isaiah 59:2 NLT](#)

It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.

Consequences

[Ezekiel 14:5 NLT](#)

5I will do this to capture the minds and hearts of all my people who have turned from me to worship their detestable idols.'

[Ezekiel 14:10 NLT](#)

10False prophets and those who seek their guidance will all be punished for their sins.