

One Flesh Lesson 3

C. Idolatry Defeated James 4:7-12

How do you FORSAKE idols Jer 2:13

- **See your idols**
 - draw near to God - see things His way.
- **Repent**
 - Sorrow for your idols
 - Humble yourself before the Lord - confession of sin, shame for sin
 - Hatred for sin - what do I need to do with this idol?
 - Turning from sin - Get to the point where you want to burn it
- **Work on you**
 - As God shows you your idols, the temptation is to start working on your spouses idols.
 - Do the homework

Idols and Marriage

Idols and Idolatry

This is the one easily besetting sin of our nature—to turn aside from the living God and to make unto ourselves idols in some fashion or another; for the essence of idolatry is this—to love anything better than God, to trust anything more than God, to wish to have a God other than we have, or to have some signs and wonders by which we may see him. CH Spurgeon

Exodus 20:2-6

- IDOLATRY is loving **creation** more than **Creator**
 - Rev 4:11
- IDOLATRY is worshipping a **god of our own creation**
 - 1 Cor 10:6-14
- IDOLATRY is proclaiming **in word or deed** that God is a lie
 - Jer 34:9ff, Phil 2:9-11
- To have a Godly marriage you must kill idols.**
 - Malachi 2:11-16

What do you worship?

An IDOL is anything we consistently make equal to or more important than God in our attention, desire, devotion, and choices.

A. Idolatry Diagnosed: James 4:1-3

What you SEEK and what you AVOID.

- Security - health, wealth,
- Knowledge, control, success
- Another person/attention from others
- A God of their own making
- Pleasure, physical appearance
- Fair treatment
- Marriage
- Self indulgence - avoid difficult things, avoid difficult conversations
- Comfort - avoid putting yourself out of your comfort zone

This is adultery against God: Ps 106:35-36, 115:4-8

B. Idolatry Defined James 4:4-6

What brings you COMFORT or HURT

- Peace/lack of conflict - organization
- Self pity/not being listened to
- Friendship/Access
- Food
- Sleep
- Drugs/alcohol
- Getting away from it all
- Sports
- Entertainment/TV/video games
- Sex/pornography
- Stuffed animals/blankets/hoodies
- Spending money/Retail therapy
- Fleeing
- Busyness/Hobbies/Church
- Self preservation

He yearns Jealously over the spirit placed within us.

- Jer 13:25, Ps 62:5-8 1 Cor 6:19, 2 Cor 6:16

4 ways he reveals Idols to us

- His world and His Spirit (Heb 4:12-1 Cor 6:19)
- Withholds or grants them (Ps 106:13-15)
- See someone else overcome the same idol
- Discipline

This is a way you actually know you are a Christian. If you are looking for idols to smash in your life. If you persist in idol worship you may not be God's Child. (Heb 12:5-11)

Look to GOD for grace, in humility and he will grant you grace to be humble 6