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- An **intentional** contrast.
- The **greatest** & most **deceptive** idol.
- When do we become self-**aware**?
- Why were they **unashamed**?
- **Focus** on the idol of self at the **expense** of our awareness of God.
- The more **selfish**, the more **rebellious**.

2. A brighter light & better way (vs. 10-17)

- As days get **darker**, the Light shines **brighter**!
- We should be **following** the **followers**!
- Nothing less **appetizing** than persecution.
- **Willing** to **suffer** for the cause of Christ.
- We **continue** to be **steadfast**.
- Not **waffling** on the **whims** of man.
- The **ingestion**, **meditation**, & **application** of the Word of God will make you wise.
- The Word is **useful** & **profitable**.
- The **origin**, **authority**, & divine **inspiration**.

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