



1 Samuel



Phillistines - sea peoples

- Immigrated from Crete - see Amos 9:7 from Caphtor
- Some of the first people to process iron, controlled all the blacksmithing at this point.
- Worshipped Dagon - Fish God = 1/2 Man - 1/2 Fish



Same ol' strategy of Satan...



Presence of God or a Box?

When bad things happen or don't go our way we ask where's God? Has the glory departed? Does he care?

- Note: Ark mentioned about 35 times here
- All indicate the presence of God -
Ex. 25:22, Num. 10:33-36, 1 Sam. 4:4, 2 Sam. 6:2, 1 Kings 8:10-11
- Ark went before Is. in the desert?
- What about the battle of Jericho? - Josh. 6

How many spiritual boxes have you tried?

- The world will try & do anything & everything before humbling / submitting to God to a tragic end.

Formulas, programs, models, prescriptions in themselves will never accomplish the full work of transformation or salvation in a person's life without the presence of God himself, they are just spiritual boxes and man's ideas...

- "He" must do the work, "it" will never do (God can inspire, direct, use, or be in these things and when he is they work)

Presence of God or a Box?

Difference between "Him" & "It"

Do I carry God or Does He carry me?

God in Control or am I?

I AM vs iMade, iWant, iCan, iDid

Creator vs Created or Conjured

Real vs Manufactured

The Truth vs Taboo - cultural truth/myth

Holy God or Genie

Presence of God or a Box?

Good Luck Charm vs Faith & Facts

Life/Light vs Death/Dark (1 Jn 1:5-7)

Blaming God vs. Being Humble

Difference between Blessing & Bumbling

Questioning/Doubting vs Seeking/Trusting

Drawing Close or Pushing Away

Checking with God vs Checking Boxes

Conquering or Attempting

Presence of God or a Box?

Facts/Truth vs Feelings

Spirit vs Synthetic

Real God or Fake Idol

Full of Glory or No Glory/Empty Box

The Glorified God or a god that needs help

Obedience or Vain Sacrifice

Relationship vs Religion

His Way or My Way

PICTURE OF CHRIST

John 1:14

Col. 1:15-20

- **2 Cor. 2:14-16**
- **Must Confess Jesus as "Lord"**
- **1 Cor. 6:19-20 = Presence of God in us!**