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"THE BIBLICAL IMPLICATIONS OF IDOLATRY" I Corinthians 10:14-15

INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

"Therefore" - connection between what he has just said

"flee" - present imperative - continually be fleeing

"sensible" - phronimos - intelligent

What is "idolatry"? - worshiping something other than the true God in the true way. (Isa. 48:11; Ex. 34:14; Rom. 1:21-24; Job 31:24-28)

Idolatry is the most serious and contaminating sin there is.

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? How can I accomplish this change? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

IDOLATRY HAS MANY FORMS

- Libeling The Character Of God Is Idolatry.
- Worshiping the true God in the wrong way is idolatry. Ex. 32:1–4, 20:4, 32:7–9; Deuteronomy 4:14–19
- Worshiping any image is idolatry Isa. 44:17; John 4:24
- *Worshiping angels* is idolatry. Col. 2:18; Rev. 19:10
- *Worshiping demons* is idolatry. Rev. 9:20
- Worshiping dead men is idolatry. Ps. 106:28–29
- Supreme loyalty in our heart to anything other than God is idolatry. Matt. 6:21
- *Covetousness* is idolatry. Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5
- *Inordinate desire or lust,* is idolatry. Phil. 3:18–19

How Does Idolatry Effect Us?

- Brings defilement. Ex. 20:7
- Brings guilt on everyone who is involved in it. Ezk 36:18
- Idols can't help you anyway. Isaiah 46:7
- Brings God's vengeance on unbelievers and His chastening on believers. Ezek. 44:10; Isa. 65:2-5