

The background of the image is a landscape with rolling hills and a body of water. The sky is dark and overcast, suggesting a storm or late evening. The hills are covered in dry, golden-brown grass. The water in the foreground is calm and reflects the light from the sky. The overall mood is somber and dramatic.

NOISY GONGS & CLANGING CYMBALS

AMOS 5:18=27

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

AMOS 5:18



YOM YAHWEH

**Woe to you who desire
the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the
day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
AMOS 5:18**

**Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?**

AMOS 5:20

**The tragedy was not that God had failed to speak.
The tragedy was that Israel had stopped expecting
Him to mean what He said.**

**I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in
your solemn assemblies...I will not accept them...
Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the
melody of your harps I will not listen.**

AMOS 5:21-23

**Worship without a surrendered heart
is theater, not communion.**



**But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

AMOS 5:24

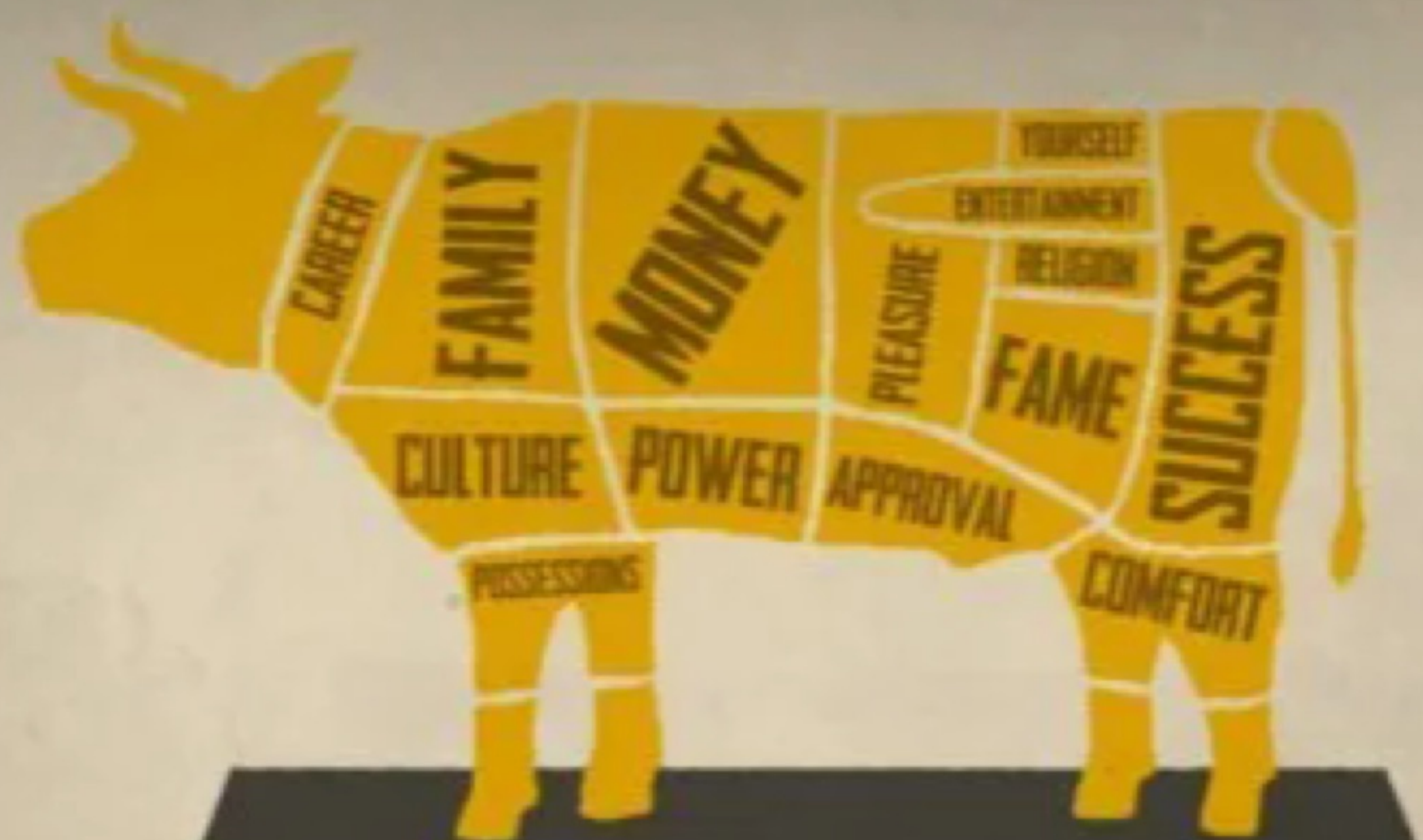
**True worship does not end when the music stops;
it flows into the way we live and treat others.**



“Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings during the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? You shall take up Sikkuth your king, and Kiyyun your star-god—your images that you made for yourselves, and I will send you into exile beyond Damascus,” says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.

AMOS 5:25-27

**Israel professed allegiance to the Lord
while giving its heart to idols.**



idols

**and I will send you into exile beyond Damascus,”
says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.**

AMOS 5:27

**In Christ, prodigals are receive, exiles are
brought home, idolaters are forgiven, and empty
worshipers are given new hearts.**

**So, here is the question this passage leaves with us:
Is your worship merely a ritual you perform, or is it a river that flows through your life? Do the songs you sing on Sunday agree with the way you live on Monday? Is Christ merely Someone you carry as religious decoration, or is He the Savior who carries you? Revelation 22:17 declares, “The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.” Lay down the idol you have been hauling. Stop treating God’s warnings as background noise. Come to Christ in repentance and faith. Then let justice and righteousness flow through your life as the Spirit produces what religious performance never could. Salvation is not another burden for you to carry. It is a gift already purchased, a work already finished, and a victory already secured by the risen Christ.**