

No Idol Worship Part 2

“23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:23-24 KJV)

Deviation from the Word of God and doing things contradict the Word of God is a worship and service unto demons and is an idol worship as we can understand from the following passage of the Scripture, **“1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them; This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, saying, 3 What man soever there be of the house of Israel, that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or that killeth it out of the camp, 4 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD; blood shall be imputed unto that man; he hath shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people: 5 To the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they offer in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest, and offer them for peace offerings unto the LORD. 6 And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and burn the fat for a sweet savour unto the LORD. 7 And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations. 8 And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt offering or sacrifice, 9 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the LORD; even that man shall be cut off from among his people.” (Leviticus 17:1-9 KJV)** So here it is clearly understood when you offer services and sacrifices contrary to what God had ordained in His Word you neither worshipping God nor serving Him, but you are offering to demons and the devil.

Jesus when He came to earth made it clear that if we will ask anything from God the Father through the name of Jesus then we shall receive what we are going to ask from God: **“23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.” (John 16:23-24 KJV)** **“13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.” (John 16:13-14 KJV)** So now clear that you cannot receive anything from God unless you ask Him in the name of Jesus.

You cannot ask God in any other name or god except by the name of Jesus, **“12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12 KJV)**

You cannot ask Mary the mother of Jesus because she is human and not God. The wise men who came from the East they came to worship Jesus, when they arrived to the place that he was, they did not worship or bow down neither to Mary nor to Joseph but they bowed down to him and worshipped him and presented to Him their gifts, **“11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and**

worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11 KJV) You need to offer your time, effort, your life, your honor, you adoration and your treasures and possessions to God and neither to idols nor to other gods, nor to Mary, nor to any man nor saints nor to angels,

“1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: 3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: 4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. 9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. 12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. 13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and to Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.” (Acts 1:1-14 KJV)

Here we can see clearly that all the disciples of Jesus, His followers, the apostles, the women, the mother of Jesus and the Lord's brethren were together praying to God. It did not say that they prayed or worshipped neither the apostles nor Mary His mother nor His brethren.

Let us read when Peter visited Cornelius, **“25 And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. 26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.” (Acts 10:25-26 KJV)** Apostle Peter very clearly here refused that Cornelius would bow down to him and worship him, and he told him very clearly that he was also a man. Apostles are not gods that you need to bow down to them worship nor to pray to them. They are human as we are. Though they lived in holiness and God did miracles on their hands yet they were human created by God and they worshipped and served God and they taught the people to do the same to worship and serve God and not to worship them.

We will read an incidence from the first missionary trip of Paul and Barnabas were both prohibited the people to offer sacrifices to them nor to worship them: **“1 And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed. 2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren. 3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto**

the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands. 4 But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles. 5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them, 6 They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about: 7 And there they preached the gospel. 8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: 9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, 10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked. 11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. 12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker. 13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people. 14 Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out, 15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein: 16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways. 17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. 18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.” (Acts 14:1-18 KJV) Both Paul and Barnabas refused to be called gods, nor to be adored nor to offer to them nor to call them by the names of their idols.

“9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Revelation 19:9-10 KJV) This is what John wrote in the book of Revelation that when he fell down at the feet of the angel of God to worship him, he stopped him from doing that, but instructed him to worship God. The same we can read at the last chapter of the book of Revelation, “8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. 9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.” (Revelation 22:8-9 KJV) You should know that angels are sent by God to serve those who inherit salvation, “14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?” (Hebrews 1:14 KJV) **Therefore you should neither worship nor to give regards to angels, for they are serving God and serving us we who serve God.**

We need to worship God and serve Him. We need to serve Jesus, He is the image of the invisible God, “15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:” (Colossians 1:15 KJV) We will read here the story of the woman who came worshipped Jesus and asked him to help her to drive demons from her daughter’s life. “21 Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O

Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. 24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. 26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.” (Matthew 15:21-28 KJV)

Other example about those who came and worshipped Jesus we can read as the following: “40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. 42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.” (Mark 1:40-42 KJV) This man with leprosy came to Jesus and kneeled down in worship and asked him to heal him, and he received healing from Jesus.

Here another occasion where the disciples and the people came and worshipped Jesus when He came to them walking on the water, “22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. 23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. 24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. 28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? 32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. 33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.” (Matthew 14:22-32 KJV)

Now we will read how the disciples worshipped Jesus when they witnessed His ascension to Heaven: “50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. 51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: 53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.” (Luke 24:50-53 KJV)

We need to worship God and serve Him. We need to throw all our idols, and our love for material things; the greediness for money, the lust for immorality, the gluttony to eat food, coveting material things, and the rest of the sins and the uncleanness are all idols that we need to get rid of them from our lives, “1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering

and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. 3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. 7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.” (Ephesians 5:1-7 KJV) “5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;” (Colossians 3:5-9 KJV) *

These idols are in the heart when you start to love them and dedicate your life for such things, then you are loving them more than God and more than His Word and that is idol worship. It is also idol worship when you want to do your own will and your own plan and not the will of God, and want God to follow you, instead that you need to follow God. * Such idols in the heart God opposes them and is against them. * Those who do such separate themselves from God for the sake of their idols to do their own will, and God himself will be the one to be against them and will fight against them as God declared to the prophet Ezekiel, “1 Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me. 2 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be enquired of at all by them? 4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols; 5 That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols. 6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. 7 For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by myself: 8 And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.” (Ezekiel 14:1-8 KJV) Those people they came wanting the prophet and God to go along with them, but God declared it very clearly that He would be against them. Many of those who confess Christ, they do and they follow their own will and plan, nor the will, nor the plan of God, and we need to declare to them that what they are doing is idol worship and they need to repent and come back to God.

My Dear and Beloved: “21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.” (1 John 5:21 KJV) Come now to God and renounce all the idols that we mentioned in this message, and be willing to throw all these idols whatever they are and cleanse your heart and minds of things that are against God and against His Word and against His will and became an idol unto you. Come back to God and return from your sins and from all your wrong doings, and be willing and start to serve God and do His will and live the plan that He has for you without idol worship.

Let us pray ...

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that teaches me to throw all idols from my life and from my heart. Lord thank you for the explanation of your Word and thank you for all the rebukes, the corrections and the admonishments we received in this message.

Confess and renounce now all your sins. Confess and renounce your pride and ego, your greed, your worldliness, your love for money and material things, your lust, your gluttony, your corruption, your injustice, your lies, and doing your own, nor the will nor the plan of God. Confess and renounce your worship to saints, to Mary, to angels and the rest of the human figures and the various religions of this world and human teachings and traditions. Renounce your yoke with non believers and many worldly friends, and your yoke with the Media, News and games. Confess and renounce your lack of prayers and reading God’s Word. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins _____.

Lord I commit myself to throw away all the following idols _____, my religions and my old traditions and practices. Lord I commit myself to start to read your Word in the Bible and to apply in my life. Lord I commit myself to live in holiness and in the fear of yours. Lord I commit myself to start to serve you and worship you alone and do your will in my life. Lord I trust you that you will provide all my needs, and that you will give me good health and the strength needed to serve you and to declare your will to the people, and that you will protect me and fight all my enemies and subdue them.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, threw their idols, especially those in their hearts, and committed their lives to serve you and worship you alone and to live doing your will in full. Lord help them in their new lives for you, uphold them with your grace, give them good health, protect them and provide their needs to continue to serve you.

Lord bless us as your church, and help us to continue to preach your Word and declare your will to the people who are around us and under our care. Lord protect us from persecution and from the work of the devil, which we rebuke all in the name of Jesus. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the needed spiritual gifts that we need in our life and ministry unto you. Lord lead us to go and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.’ Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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