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Worshiping Idols

- Idolizing is when something else claims your loyalty that belongs to God alone
- Idols worshipped in the biblical days are the same ones worshipped today, such as:
 - Wealth and Material Possessions
 - Career
 - Power
 - Pleasure
 - Success
 - Security, Control, Self-Reliance
- **Ecclesiastes 1:9** - "what has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun"
- What we plan our days around, what we sacrifice for, is our idol
- Reasons why idols are ridiculous:
- **Reason #1: An Idol is Man Made**
- **Reason #2: An Idol is Nothing**
 - They have nothing but the appearance of life
 - They can do nothing for you
 - An idol is poop
- **Reason # 3: An Idol brings Spiritual Delusion**
 - Many of us believe the idol we hold onto can save us
 - Examples: If I earn this much I'll be safe, if I get this job I'll be happy, if I take this trip I'll be fulfilled.
 - This is all delusion.
 - Have you ever done something foolish or out of character to satisfy your idol?
 - Idols are dangerous because they will trap you and eat you alive
- **Reason #4: Its Very Composition and Construction Declares its Futility**
 - Imagine yourself bowing down to your idol
 - Imagine you sacrificing relationships for them
 - Pretty stupid, wouldn't you say?
- **Reason #5: An Idol Will Let You Down**
 - Whatever that idol is in your heart will eventually let you down
 - It will never ever satisfy your heart
- God detests idols, it is spiritual adultery
- The act of turning away from God and towards idols makes us enemies of God
- **How do we turn back to God?**
 - Repent
 - Rid Your Life of Idols
 - Rededicate Your Life to God