

IDOL WORSHIP

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The nominal believing Christian does not believe that he or she worships idols. The subject of idol worship leads me into a discussion that focuses on my theme Scripture Hosea 4:6 which states, *“My people are destroyed for want of knowledge. Because you rejected knowledge, I will also reject you as cohen for me. Because you forgot the Torah of your YAHWEH, I will also forget your children.”*

One of the fundamental teachings of the Torah is stated in Exodus 20:3 *“You are to have no other elohims (powers) before me.”* Also in Sh'mot (Ex) 23:13 *“Pay attention to all that I have said to you, and make no mention of the names of other elohims (powers), nor let it be heard on your lips.”* Y'hoshua (Joshua) 23:7 reads *“. . . Don't even mention the name of their elohims, let alone have people swear by them, serve them or worship them.”* With this in mind we have to consider what might be idolatrous. In that respect, did you ever stop to think that as a society we live in a Greco-Roman influenced culture with Greek and Roman gods introduced into our way of life? The majority of our speech, conversation and relationship to days and months are associated with those gods.

January or Janus, the god of gates and doorways has two faces, and so on. So when we speak the word Sunday which refers to the Sun god, Monday which refers to the moon and Thursday which refers to the god Thor, we actually give power and authority to the deities associated with the Greeks and Romans. I know! What does it matter right? It matters a lot to the Father who calls all manner of idolatry wickedness. Also, His anger flares up at the participation of idol worship by His people. B'midbar (Num) 25:3 reads *“With Yisra'el thus joined to Ba'al- P'or, the anger of Yahweh blazed up against Yisra'el.”* If you consider yourself to be HIS people, then His anger is flared up towards you if you worship any power other than HIM.

For the majority of us, it never crossed our minds that names mean something. In historical accounting, the captors of Yisra'el changed their names. Here is a case in point. In Dani'el 1, Dani'el, Hananyah, Misha'el, and Azaryah were their true names. But in Babylonian captivity, their names were changed. Unto Daniel the name of *Belteshazzar*, and to Hananyah, *Shadrach*; and to Misha'el, *Meshach*; and to Azaryah, *Abednego*. These names were given to the Hebrew sons of Yisra'el in their Babylonian captivity to reflect Babylonian gods.

History proves that there are three things that happen when a people are taken captive. One, their captors change their names; second, they change their diet and; third, they disconnect them from their Creator. When you read the Book of Daniel you see this. Relative to the history of Yisra'el, this is what has happened each time they went into captivity. These historical events have changed mankind's belief system giving him names and gods that are not true and that are not associated with the Elohim (Power) of Avraham, Yitzchak, and Ya'acov (Abraham, Issac nor Jacob).

If we look carefully into history at things that have transpired and that been implemented by the Greeks and Rome concerning our understanding of the Scripture, we know that Deuteronomy 12:32 is in play, "*Do not add to or subtract from it.*" Subtract from what? Do not add to or subtract from My commandments or the direction that I have given to guide you on the journey. People of truth know that the Father's teachings have been altered. Greek and Eurocentric theology promulgated by Constantine, Rome and the Reformers reflect the majority of today's Scriptural understanding. However, Scripture is completely Hebrew and true.

The word or name god* has nothing to do with the Creator. It is the personal name of the Babylonian deity of fortune. The name is derived from the word Gawd or "god." Perhaps you have noticed that our money says in "God we trust" giving reference to the deity of fortune. ^{*Source Don}
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When one uses the word god, you have to ask which one, as there are a plethora of gods in our world. But Yahweh said He was a jealous Elohim (Power) not to be compared to any other; for beside me there is no other (Power). The Greeks have given us Scripture transliteration that has changed the name of the true Creator and associated Him with the many gods by just referring to Him as God. HaSatan is shrewd. He has brought a deep-seated deception that can only be broken by ones renouncing error and in humility turning to truth in Yahweh's Word.

Sunday worship is idolatrous because it is the worship of the sun god. It goes against everything the Father has given us. Read Sh'mot 31:12-15. Yahweh pronounces the death sentence on anyone who fails to honor the Sabbath and keep it Holy. Christmas and Easter services all give power to idolatry, as they are all idolatrous in origin and source. But yet it is a general belief among Christians that they do not practice idolatry.

I submit to you that the evidence is right in your own homes. Search the World Wide Web. Search it out for yourself. There is only one way and it

is based on Scripture from Genesis through the Old Testament. YeShua said, *"I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life."* Ephesians 2:20 reads, *"You have been built on the foundation of the emissaries and the prophets, with the cornerstone being Yeshua the Messiah himself. Yes, in union with him, you yourselves are being built together into a spiritual dwelling-place for YAHWEH."*

Understanding those words will grant you admission into eternal life. But holding on to ignorance and men's traditions will certainly bring death. Idolatry will eternally separate you from the Father when you appear before Him in judgment. "What if others don't believe?" "Truth Matters."