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### **NATIONAL IDOLATRY (Part 1)**

This is the third of a series on Idolatry: Introduction of Idolatry; Cultural Idolatry; and National Idolatry.

This series of lessons were developed from our lesson text. While the word Idolatry is not found in our lesson text, the concept of idolatry's effect upon a culture and nation is given.

There should be no doubt to a spiritually advancing Church Age Believer (CAB) that our nation is in a major cultural war for the soul of America.

This cultural war attacks the laws of the five Divine Institutions taught in the Bible:

- Freedom      Volition
- Employment      Free Enterprise/ owner
- Marriage      Life partners/ husband
- Family      Social development/ parents
- Nationalism      Protector of life, liberty, and land/ government

Today's lesson is one of two lessons on National Idolatry.

<b>Today's lesson will study two aspects of the danger of America becoming an idolatrous nation.</b>
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#### **1. America has been a land of Milk and Honey because of God's grace and mercy (Ex.3:8; Deut.8:7-9).**

Today, this is in danger. Ten things are listed that are in danger of being lost.

- **Americans** are the bread basket of the world.
- We are the freedom fighters for other nations.
- We are the capitalism model of successful free enterprise in the world.
- We are the first responders to natural disasters no matter where in the world.
- We are the model of for the standard of prosperity to third and second world poor.
- We are recognized by other nations of the world as Christian.
- We send missionary to every nation of world to encourage their national and spiritual freedom.
- We are an open nation to legal immigrants who want to be part of national greatness.
- We are tolerant of other religions and political and social differences.
- We are recognized as the last hope of preserving western civilization.

(Deut.4:7-9) "For **what great nation** is there that has a god so near to it as is the Lord our God whenever we call on Him. Or **what great nation** is there that has statues and judgments as righteous as this whole law which I am setting before you today? Only give heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently, so that **you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your sons and grandsons.**"

## **2. God warned of National Idolatry on the God side of the 10 Commandments (Ex.20:1-17).**

These were given to the priest-nation of Israel. They warn against the danger of national idolatry.

(Ex.19:6) "You will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

### **(Ex.20:3-11)**

**God side** (4 Commandments)

#### **3 negatives:**

- 'You shall have no other gods before Me.'
- 'You shall not make for yourself a carved image - any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.'
- 'You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.'

#### **1 positive:**

- 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.'

**Man side** (6 Commandments)

#### **5 negatives:**

- 'You shall not murder.'
- 'You shall not commit adultery.'
- 'You shall not steal.'
- 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.'
- 'You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.'

#### **1 positive:**

- 'Honor your father and your mother.'