

NATIONAL IDOLATRY (Part 2)

We will study three additional aspects of National Idolatry.

Lesson Review:

- 1. We learned from the study of God side of 10 commandments that National Idolatry will bring divine discipline (paqad/ visit) to the third and fourth generation of the nation.**

(Ex.19:6; **20:4-6**, 23; 34:7, 14; Deut.4:23-31). It carried an abomination status to nation (Deut. 7:20-26; 8:5, 10-20).

- 2. We also learned that the Nation that worships the Lord God will be blessed to thousands of generations (Ex.20:4-6' Deut.5:9-10).**

Where is America in the first thousand generations (1776)?

- 3. Bible teaches a long history of satanic idolatry that attacks the truth regarding the worship of the Lord God (Matt.4:9; 15:9; Rev.14:11).**

Creature Idolatry: worship of the creature rather than the creator.

(Rom.1:20) "For **since the creation of the world** God's invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, **so that men are without excuse.**" (NIV).

(Rom.1:23) "And **exchanged the glory** of the incorruptible God **for an images in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.**" (NIV) (Gen.1:26-27; 2 Cor.4:3-4; James 3:9; Col.1:15)

(Rom.1:25) "They **exchange the truth of God for a lie**, and worshiped and served creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever praised. Amen." (NAS)

"**They served idols**, concerning which the Lord had said to them, 'You shall not do this thing.'"

(2 Kings 17:12) "They forsook all the commandments of the Lord their God and made for themselves molten images, even two calves, and made an Asherah and worshipped all the host of heaven and served Baal. Then they made their sons and their daughters pass through the fire, and practiced divination and enchantments, and **sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking Him.**"

(2 Kings 17:16-17) (2 Kings 17:23) [The removal of North Kingdom]

Intellectual idolatry of worldly knowledge without God (atheism)

(Rom.1:21-22) "For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools."

(Col.2:8) "See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, **according** to the tradition of men, **according** to the elementary principles of the world, **rather than according** to Christ." (Acts 17:16-34)

4. Repentance and believe are necessary for salvation when engaged in idolatrous religion.

(Acts 14:15) “Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you in order that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them.” (1 Thess.1:8-10)

(Acts 17:30) “Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all everywhere **should repent** (metanoeo/ .p.a.infin) [change of mind or beliefs]”

5. Protestantism is on verge of becoming a minority at 51% in USA: (Pew Forum of Protestants (35,000 interviews)

- 27% Evangelical churches
- 18% Main line churches
- 07% Black protestant churches