

## WALKING WITH GOD 2 : Dealing with Idolatry

The relationship between God and Man is to be an intimate love relation, **Hosea 3:1**

So in order to successfully walk with God, man has to constantly deal with the enemy that causes enmity between man and God and destroy the love relationship that exists. Whatever becomes a god in the life of Man apart from God is the enemy; it is called idolatry. In **Exodus 20:3-6**, God made Israel aware of how He hates idolatry.

The problem with man is, we were created with the need for God in our lives in order for us to be fulfilled and satisfied. But since we lost our way with God, we have used many other things to fill the need for God (so the need of God who is the only way to be satisfied is being occupied by other gods and yet man is unable to get satisfaction). Everyone serves something or has something which has become a god to them, if it is not the Most High God then it is other gods.

**God is the source of life and all moral authority and He is above all. Other gods are a thing or person accorded the supreme importance which is appropriate to God.**

### The form of gods

Man has created many forms of gods which are mainly out of the created physical things which man should rather rule over. **Revelations 9:20**

1. **Idols** **Romans 1:18-32** – The creation of images and things in the form of living creatures. I know we do not have much issue with this form of idolatry. But take note that some people in Church still carry some form of symbols around purporting to represent something they believe. Idol worship in the form of anything result in the loss of values set by God and you see this in the vile acts of man.
2. **Worship of demons** – People and even Christians have sign up to the worship of spirits or demons knowingly or unknowingly. Some of them are ancestry in nature. Most of the things people carry about representing a believe system or thinking it connects to God are all deceptions of demonic intrusion into people's lives. Most borne again Christians do not have a problem with this also.
3. **The things in the world:** **1 John 2:15-17** say do not love the world or the things in the world. This is where most Christians have a problem, so we will spend time on it. This god is the power of Money, **Matthew 6:24.**

- The lust of the flesh – self gratification and self indulgence. This is about the love of pleasure in all forms which takes the place of God. These pleasures can be football, sex, or just food. You love it so much that you do not want to give it up for God or you cannot sacrifice it for God.
- **The lust of the eyes – covetousness** (which is idolatry, **Colossians 3:5**).The attitude of I must have what I see which appeals to my eyes will drive you to covetousness. The world is good at making things very appealing and the key entry point is your eyes.
- The pride of life – where man enthrones himself. This is the place of arrogance because no one was made for himself or complete by themselves. This is the place of thinking of yourself that no one tells me what to do. I do as I please and the way I want to, and no counsel will change you and not even what the bible says will stop you from acting the way you want. This god receives its power from what you think you have achieved or how you have arrived, your credentials, and your status. **Or just haughtiness**

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