

Understanding Idolatry Pt 3:

Deliverance from Idolatry

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2 Cor 2:11 *"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."*

Satan's devices include using Our Limited Perspective → Complaining; Our Lustful Pleasures → Compulsions and Our Propensity for Perversion → Corruption.

His goal is our ultimate rebellion. 1 Sam 15:23 (see Romans 1:16-32 for this process.)

When we Depart from God (rebel) we drift toward Satan and our ultimate Destruction. Jn10:10a

Review Part 1: Idolatry Defined:

OT: elil (*Lev 19:4*) good for nothing. Hebel (*Jer. 8:19*) from habal: to lead astray. Gillulim (*Lev. 26:30*) to wallow and/or trust. Terrapin (*1 Sam. 15:23*) comes from rapa: to weaken and consume.

NT: 1 Cor 10:7 *"Neither be ye idolaters"* (Eidōlolat' rēs: to serve/worship (a heathen god) 20 ... *the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils"* Idolatry exposes us to demonic influence.

English: *"Any thing which usurps the place of God in the hearts of his rational creatures."*

Pt 2: We tend to "Delight" in Idolatry because

it Promises to our meet our desires without God.

(Pleasure *Num. 25*; Provision *Jer. 44*; Protection *2 Kings 16*; Direction (*2 Kings 1*); Purpose *1 Kings 16*)

Idolatry has no power to lastingly fulfil our needs and ends up deceiving us (2 Cor. 11:1-3)

Until we become "diseased" by it. 2 Pt 2:19 *"While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage."* (1 Jn 2:15-17; 5:19)

Jesus taught us to pray *"deliver us from evil..."* Ponēros: evil {in effect or influence}, diseased.

1. Idolatry "delivers us to evil" 1 Cor 10:20 *"the Gentiles sacrifice... to devils, ... and I would not that ye should have fellowship (koinōnos: partner, common) with devils."* (daimonion: demons!)

A. Satan uses the temptation of idolatry:

1) To get us to drift from God. Jms 1:14 (we're) *"tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust"*

2) Get us caught in the current (infection) of sin. 14 b *"and enticed"* (deleaz'ō: deluded/trapped)

15 *Then when lust hath conceived, (syllamban'o: captures) it bringeth forth (apokye'o: breeds) sin:"*

(Hamartia: offence/trespass {from hamartano: to miss the mark and so forfeit the prize})

3) Shipwrecked by sin. (1 Tim. 1:19) Jms 1:15b *"and sin, when it is finished, (apotele'ō: consummated) bringeth forth (apokye'ō: breeds) death."*

a) Presumptuous sin (rebellion) Ps. 19:13; moves us into Satan's "current" (influence) and it eventually overpowers us. 1 Cor 5:5 *"To deliver (paradidōmi: surrender) such an one unto Satan ..."*

b) This is usually a slow drift/infection. (Eccl. 8:11) 1 Cor 5:6 *"a little leaven leavens the whole lump?"*

2. Jesus wants to *"deliver us from evil..."* Mt 6:13

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A. Christ's sacrifice can deliver us from:

1) The Penalty of sin (Ro. 6:23; 2 Cor. 5:21) Lk 19:10 *"come to seek and to save that which was lost."* (sozo: deliver, protect, preserve, "make whole")

Jn 19:30 *"It is finished"* (teleo: paid in full, the debt has been discharged!)

He 9:26 *"but now... hath he appeared to put away sin (athetēsis: cancel, disannul) by the sacrifice of himself."*

a) We avail ourselves of this gift by Faith! (Jn 3:16; Gal. 2:8,9; Ro. 5:1-2)

b) This is known as Salvation! Gabriel's message to Joseph: Mt 1:21 *"she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."*

Jesus (Iēsous') comes from the Hebrew Yehôwshû'wa': Jehovah Saves!

2) Jesus' sacrifice can deliver us from the Power of Sin! 1 Cor 5:7,8 *"Purge out therefore the old leaven, (sin) that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with ... the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."*

a) We also avail ourselves of this by faith. Ro 6:9-13 12 *"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, ... as instruments of righteousness unto God"*

b) This is called Sanctification. 1 Th.2:13 *"God hath ... chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: "* (Hagiazo: make holy, pure, sacred, consecrated)

1 Th 5:23-24 *"the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."*

Conclusion: Idolatry (sin) delivers us to evil. Jms 1:13-15

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Deliver (rhy'omai) has the idea of choosing (getting caught up in) a (different) current/path.

We choose which path (current) we take. Pr 4:23-27 *"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life...26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. ... 27 turn not ... remove thy foot from evil."*

1 Cor 10:13-14 *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry."*

Get and Stay out of the current of sin!

Application: How can we shift currents/paths?

1) Recognize Satan's devices. (purpose/disposition) Jms 1:14 *"every man is tempted when he's drawn away of his own lusts and enticed. (dolos: trapped)*

a) Recognize where Satan's path/current leads! 15 *"sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."*

b) Resist the temptation to drift from God. 16 *"Do not err, (planao: drift from safety) my ... brethren."*

2) Remember God's purpose/plan. Jn 10:10b; Rev. 4:11; Jms 1:15-17; Lk 12:31-32

3) Realize (take inventory) of our own evil infection. James 1:19-20 (Eph. 4:26; 1 Jn 1:6-8)

4) Repent (metanoë'ō: think differently) of (and about) our sin. 24a *"Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity (abundance) of naughtiness, (kakia: malignity) (see 1 Jn 1:9,10)*

5) Receive God's Truth into your soul. 24b *"and receive with meekness the engrafted word, (take God's "prescription" {entole}) which is able to save your souls."*

6) Respond to what God is teaching you! 22 *"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."*

Life is Short (James 4:14); Death is Sure (Heb. 9:27)

Sin is the Cause (Ro. 5:12);

Christ is the Cure. (Ro. 6:23; Jn 5:40; Mt 11:28-30)

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."