

Stay Away from Idolatry
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Scripture 1: Exodus 20:3-6

³“You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁴“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; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor ^[a]serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting^[b] the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Scripture 2: Leviticus 26:1

‘You shall not make idols for yourselves;
neither a carved image nor a *sacred* pillar shall you rear up for yourselves;
nor shall you set up an engraved stone in your land, to bow down to it;
for I *am* the LORD your God.

Scripture 3: Psalm 115:4-8

Their idols *are* silver and gold,
The work of men’s hands.
⁵ They have mouths, but they do not speak;
Eyes they have, but they do not see;
⁶ They have ears, but they do not hear;
Noses they have, but they do not smell;
⁷ They have hands, but they do not handle;
Feet they have, but they do not walk;
Nor do they mutter through their throat.
⁸ Those who make them are like them;
So *is* everyone who trusts in them.

Scripture 4: Jeremiah 11:12

¹² Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry out to the gods to whom they offer incense, but they will not save them at all in the time of their trouble.

Scripture 5: Ezekiel 13:18

¹⁸ and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the *women* who sew *magic* charms ^[a]on their sleeves and make veils for the heads of people of every height to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and keep yourselves alive?

Scripture 6: Psalm 91:2-6

² I will say of the LORD, "*He is* my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust."

³ Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the ^[a]fowler
And from the perilous pestilence.

⁴ He shall cover you with His feathers,
And under His wings you shall take refuge;
His truth *shall be your* shield and ^[b]buckler.

⁵ You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,
Nor of the arrow *that* flies by day,

⁶ *Nor* of the pestilence *that* walks in darkness,
Nor of the destruction *that* lays waste at noonday.

Scripture 7: 1 Kings 11:1-2, 7

But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, *and* Hittites— ²from the nations of whom the LORD had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love. ³ And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. ⁴ For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not ^[a]loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David. ⁵ For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom^[b] the abomination of the Ammonites. ⁶ Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not fully follow the LORD, as *did* his father David. ⁷ Then Solomon built a ^[c]high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that *is* east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon.