**DON’T TOUCH MY IDOL**

Gen. 31:26-34

Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that *were* with him, Put away the strange gods that *are* among you, and be clean, and change your garments: (Gen 35:2)

And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. (Gen 35:3)

And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which *were* in their hand, and *all their* earrings which *were* in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which *was* by Shechem. (Gen 35:4)

An idol is anything that comes between you and God. It doesn’t have to be a golden calf set up in the backyard. God is not pleased with the secret idol’s of the heart.

But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel. (Jos 7:1)

And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: (Jos 7:20)

When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they *are* hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it. (Jos 7:21)

**I. MODERN DAY IDOLATRY**

A. Anything that hinders your worship of God.

1. Keep people from church

2. Comes before prayer

3. Hinders Bible reading

B. That which robs precious time

1. TV is a major time waster

2. Internet can be a time waster

C. Weights we don’t want to let go of

1. That have been with you a long time

2. Comfort to the flesh

D. The subtleness of the devil

1. Attacking the children

a. Toys

b. Games

c. Music

2. Music

a. Christian music

b. Excites the passions of the flesh

**II. THE APPEAL TO THE CARNAL MIND**

A. Against God

1. The enemy of God

2. Can not receive from God

B. Excuses of the mind

1. Not convicted

2. There is nothing wrong with it

3. Everyone else does it

4. We go to witness

C. The flesh is against God

For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. (Gal 5:17)

**III. GOD NEVER HONOURS IDOLATRY**

A. There is a warning

1. God raised up the prophets

2. Cry aloud spare not

B. Idolatry is sin

1. People keep pet sins

2. Secret sins

C. Robs of the blessing of God

1. God can’t bless idolatry

2. Sin always separates from God