

“Whom Do You Worship?”

Hebrews 1:1-2 NLT

Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe.

John 14:26 NLT

But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

Why don't people listen to God?

- 1) They do not have a **relationship** with God.

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 NLT

But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others. ¹⁶ For,

“Who can know the LORD's thoughts?
Who knows enough to teach him?”

But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

- 2) Without the Holy Spirit, “a relationship with God”, the **messages** of the world drown out the message of God.

- 3) They are **ignoring** the Word of God.

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Warning: You cannot live a Godly life and ignore the Word of God.

- 4) When people **harbor** sin in their life, they cannot hear God. Sin deafens the ears to God's Voice.

A **Follower** of Jesus can discern His Voice and will follow Him!!

John 10:27-30 NLT

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.”

Every week people come to church suffering with issues.

Struggling

Hurting

Stressing

Cheating

Lusting

Spending

Worrying

Quitting

Medicating

Avoiding

Searching

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The real issue is **idolatry**. We tend to focus on the **symptoms** rather than the issue.

“Idolatry is the most discussed problem in the Bible and one of the most powerful spiritual and intellectual concepts in the believer’s arsenal. Yet for Christians today it is one of the last meaningful notions.....” Os Guinness

The whole subject of **idols** seems **obsolete**.

Idolatry seems so **primitive**, so **irrelevant**.

The great **deceiver** would like you to continue to feel that way about **idolatry**.

Matthew 6:21 NLT

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

There’s a **war** going on!

Exodus 20:1-7 NIV

And God spoke all these words: ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

We are all **worshippers**.

Identify the **gods** at war for your **heart**.

Make a **worship** choice today.

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Joshua 24:14-15 NIV

“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Appreciate what God has done.

Recognize who God is.

Smash all other gods.

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