

ARE YOU AN IDOLATER?...

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For years I have been reading and meditating and listening to others teach on Ephesians 5, but, it has never stroke me before like it strikes me now!

I checked myself against verses 3-5 and found myself not-guilty. I thought that because I had quit overtly doing all those things I was now pure and clean, washed in the blood of the Lamb and never it occurred to me that I was an idolater still!

But the Father! He is not living one stone unturned of the old structure of myself. He is exposing the hidden idols which I have been worshiping for years.

As He led me into Ephesians 5 this morning, I realized how He is performing that work in me by bringing me to the Scriptures and opening my eyes to see the reality of my condition.

And I hope and pray that by sharing this revelation here, someone will be ministered and encouraged to let the Ruach do likewise work in him.

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(1) Become, then, imitators of Elohim as beloved children.

(2) And walk in love, as Messiah also has loved us, and gave Himself for us, a gift and an offering to Elohim for a sweet-smelling fragrance.

(3) But whoring and all uncleanness, or greed of gain, let it not even be named among you, as is proper among set-apart ones –

(4) neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather thanksgiving.

(5) For this you know, that no one who whores, nor unclean one, nor one greedy of gain, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the reign of Messiah and Elohim.

(6) [Let no one deceive you with empty words,](#)¹ for because of these the wrath of Elohim comes upon the sons of disobedience. [Footnote: ¹See 4:14.](#)

(7) Therefore do not become partakers with them.

(8) [For you were once darkness,](#)¹ but now *you are* light in the Master. Walk as children of light – [Footnote: ¹See 2:2, 4:18, Col. 3:7.](#)

(9) [for the fruit of the Spirit](#)¹ is in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth – [Footnote: ¹See Philip 1:11.](#)

(10) proving what is well-pleasing to the Master.

(11) And have no fellowship with the fruitless works of darkness, but rather [reprove](#)¹ them. [Footnote: ¹Or confute, or expose.](#)

(12) For it is a shame even to speak of what is done by them in secret.

(13) But all *matters* being [reproved](#)¹ are manifested by the light, for whatever is manifested is light. [Footnote: ¹Or confuted, or exposed.](#)

(14) That is why He says, “Wake up, you who sleep, and arise from the dead, and Messiah shall shine on you.”

(15) See then that you walk exactly, not as unwise, but as wise,

(16) redeeming the time, because the days are wicked.

(17) So then do not be foolish, but understand what the desire of Yahuweh is.

(18) And do not be drunk with wine, in which is loose behavior, but be filled with the Spirit,

(19) speaking to each other in psalms and songs of praise and spiritual songs, singing and striking the strings in your heart to the Master,

(20) giving thanks always for all to Elohim the Father, in the Name of our Master Yahushua Messiah,

(21) [subjecting yourselves to each other in the fear](#)¹ of Elohim. Footnote: ¹Ex. 20:20.

(22) Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Master.

(23) Because the husband is head of the wife, as also the Messiah is head of the assembly, and He is Savior of the body.

(24) But as the assembly is subject to Messiah, so also let the wives be to their own husbands in every respect.

(25) Husbands, love your wives, as Messiah also did love the assembly and gave Himself for it,

(26) in order to set it apart and cleanse it with the [washing of water by the Word](#),¹ Footnote: ¹Rev. 19:8-9.

(27) in order to present it to Himself a splendid assembly, not having spot or wrinkle or any of this sort, but that it might be set-apart and blameless.

(28) In this way husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

(29) For no one ever hated his own flesh, but feeds and cherishes it, as also the Master does the assembly.

(30) Because we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

(31) "For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

(32) This secret is great, but I speak concerning Messiah and the assembly.

(33) However, you too, everyone, let each one love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she fears her husband.

How easy it is to be an idolater while following Yahushua. How easy it is to excuse ourselves for not living a holy life because of Yahuweh's grace.

We think of our Heavenly Father, the Almighty Yahuweh as a sugar daddy willing to pamper us in all minute details of our lives.

And we rally at His blessings and blame the enemy for whatever evil comes upon us. We never figure our loving Father causing us any harm whatsoever!

Then we get out of that system which taught us to think that way, and come to know the Messianic ways of worship. And we think, That's it! I am free now!

But O the sneakiness of the flesh of man! We don't realize that we have only changed to a different system, but a system still.

And we remain in a state of idolatry, only now we worship the Messianic Idols! Preposterous! You might say?

Oh yeah? Check with Yahuweh. Check with Him in the secret chamber of your private prayer away from all preconceived ideas and teachings that might influence your communication with Father Yahuweh.

Let the Ruach Yahuweh strip you naked of all your presumptions. Let Him deal with you as it is pleasing unto Him. You will never regret it!

What is an idol? Could it be that our idols are not only tangible things but also ideas or beliefs derived from mankind? Let's see what the definition of idol includes:

Definition: Idol

Idol-- Noun

1. A material effigy that is worshiped as a god; "thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image"; "money was his god".

2. Someone who is adored blindly and excessively.

3. An ideal instance; a perfect embodiment of a concept.

We simply overlook anything other than an engraved image as an idol. It never occur to us that our families, our beloved children could be idols.

It doesn't make sense to us how Yahushua tells us to hate mother and father, what an outlandish command. How is it possible to hate your beloved mother and father?

And then, it comes the time when you see it! Then you realize exactly what Yahushua meant and by the power of the Ruach Yahuweh, you lay down your life. That's when He begins to expose all your idols and gives you the power to obey and dispose of them.

Slowly, on my account, going here and there searching for who knows what, until I got the power to obey His command to sit still and wait on Him.

He is now effecting those things in my life. I am not attending any congregation nor following any religion whatsoever. I quit my fellowship search.

Against all human reason, I am obeying my Master. I am sitting still and waiting on Him at all times. The rewards are bountiful!

Sometimes I wobble and I tend to be swayed by my negative thoughts on what others are thinking about me. But, He is setting me free even from such.

There is no end to the daily blessings and discipline that I receive from His hand of mercy.

Could you believe that He exposed to me my readiness to offend my grandson on account of a measly piece of diaper rag that I've been using for years to clean my glasses?

Oh measly idol! There! It's gone! Likewise for my purple hand towel that I used to dry my hair, gone! Gone! Gone!

What? A silly thing? Not that silly. I was an stumbling block on account of those two measly idols, the penalty for that? Worse than the bottom of the sea!

[Mat 18:6-7 The Scriptures 1998+](#)

(6) "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea.

(7) "Woe to the world because of stumbling-blocks! For it is necessary that stumbling-blocks come, but woe to that man by whom the stumbling-block comes!

Have you ever been an stumbling block? Or have you even thought about it? Have you questioned yourself in all your failures to witness?

How many times we so staunchly defend our beliefs and our doctrines without even realizing that we are being an stumbling block?

How many times have we refused to hear the truth from Yahuweh because it is in conflict with our conception of His ways, and we teach others on the same line of thinking? Stumbling block.

How many times for the sake of witnessing we attempt to impose upon others our own idea of the Gospel? Stumbling block.

How many times have we neglected to sit still at the feet of Yahushua and instead run to the fellowship of the believers? Stumbling block.

Why is there so much confusion going on all around us? Because we refuse to sit still at the feet of Yahushua and let the Ruach Yahuweh teach us all whatever we lack to know about Yahushua.

We insist in running over to the experts. We search high and low and we neglect to search in the right place: the feet of Yahushua.

Oh yeah! I am sure that most everybody squeeze some time out of their busy schedules for Yahushua and Bible study.

Is that enough? I often times wonder how Yahushua and His disciples spent all the time of their waking life and then some with the Father.

Yes, they were with the crowds but they walked in the presence of the Father doing His business and at night they spent in prayer.

How can we measure up to that standard? But we are commanded to measure up if we expect to enter into His Kingdom.

In the meantime, the Ruach Yahuweh is working through many messengers to expose these things to us all.

We can search the whole world databases and listen to the most enlightened preachers and learn all sorts of things, all is vanity!

We can stick to our own understanding or to the enlightening of others, but, it will not avail us when the time comes.

There is no human knowledge nor is there any brother or sister who can help us in obtaining the only power that will avail us in the times coming.

For there is only one power that can avail us: the Ruach Yahuweh. And that power can only be obtained at the feet of Yahushua in the stillness of our souls.

Does that mean that we are to forsake all and retreat all by our selves and become recluses?

Not necessarily. But it means that we are to quit all of our vain searches and longing for fellowship and wait on Him to fit us in His terms not ours.

Furthermore, while we are waiting we should be letting the Ruach Yahuweh teach us and our children how to worship Him in the unity of our families.

And for the looks of the whole spectrum of Yahuweh's people we are far from quitting our conniving and schemes for spiritual growth.

Most all of us are sailing in our own boat convinced that such boat will carry us on

to eternity with Yahushua.

I tremble, for I fear Yahuweh and by no means I wish to sail my own boat.

Therefore, I am sitting still waiting on Him against all human reason.

May this be the conclusion for each and every member of His most set apart people.