

Our Idols  
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*in nomine Domini! (In the Name of the Lord!)*

I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. “But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. Oh, that my people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways! I would soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes. Those who hate the Lord would cringe toward Him, and their fate would last forever. But He would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.” Psalm 81:10-16 English Standard Version

Reading this Psalm (I encourage reading all of Psalm 81, not just the verses herein) today brought to fore my angst with current situations. Perhaps for you, too? Think current culture topics, legal matters, politics, media (social, film, television, podcast, etc...), corporate policies, education, should I go on?

Too often we turn to these ‘idols’ for ‘salvation.’ You forget, I forget, that God has brought you and me out of our own ‘Egypt’ but we refuse to listen to Him.

So, just as God gave His Chosen People ‘over to their stubborn hearts,’ so too has He given us over to our ‘stubborn hearts and own counsels.’

When I realize I have turned from God, when I comprehend that I have looked to my will, my idols instead of God’s Will and the One True God, I am blessed by The Holy Spirit in conviction and turn back to God asking for His forgiveness freely and graciously given through Jesus.

I pray that I and you turn first to God in prayer and petition in all situations, good and bad.

Praise God for the forgiveness He graciously gives you through Jesus. Know that God does and will feed you through The Holy Spirit with the ‘finest of wheat and honey’ from The Rock – Jesus! Amen!

Dear Abba, indwell each person reading this with Your Holy Spirit to know The Truth, The Way, The Life – Jesus. Amen!

*SDG! (Soli Deo Gloria - A Latin term for Glory to God alone. It has been used by artists like Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frideric Handel and Christoph Graupner to signify that the work was produced for the sake of praising God!)*