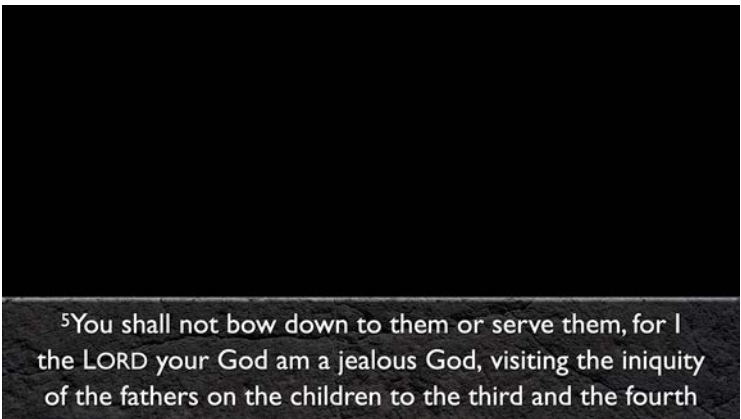


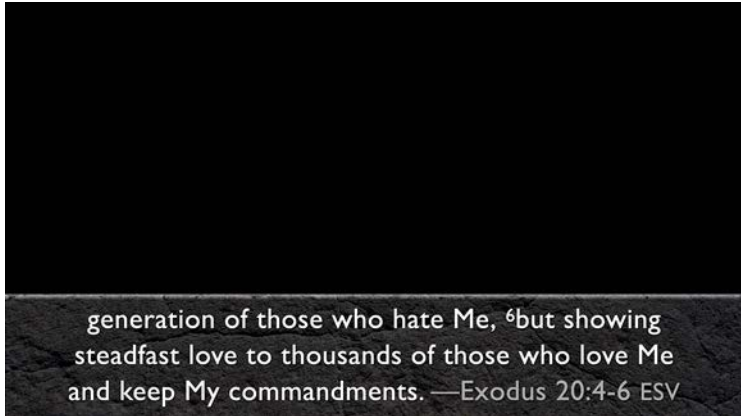
⁴You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

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⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth

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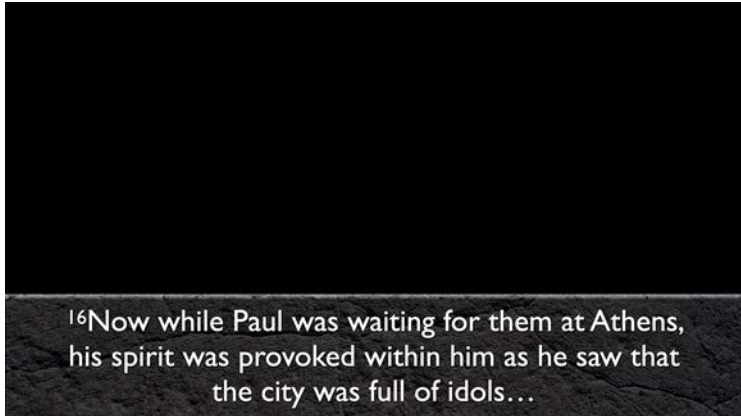


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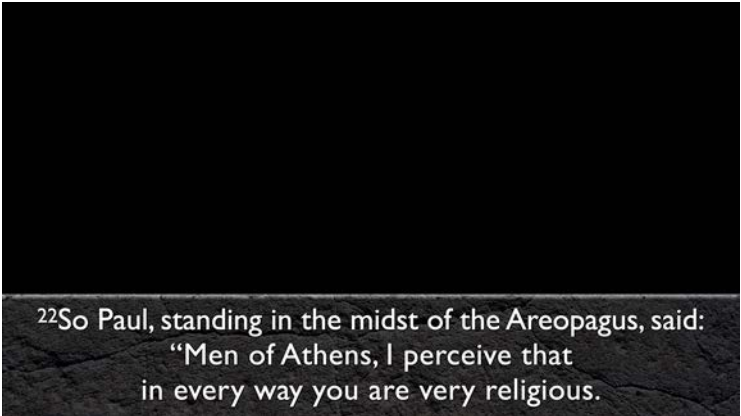


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¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols...

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²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious.

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23For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.'

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What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you." —Acts 17:16, 22-23 ESV

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I. Idolatry is a Common Practice Today

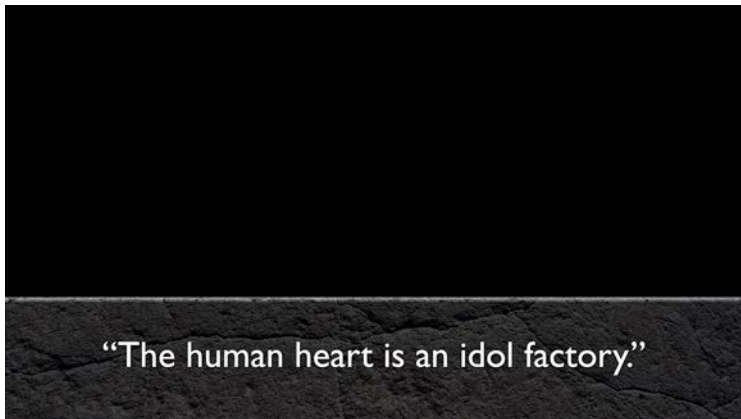
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"An idol is anything we love more, fear more, serve more or trust more than Almighty God." —Adrian Rogers

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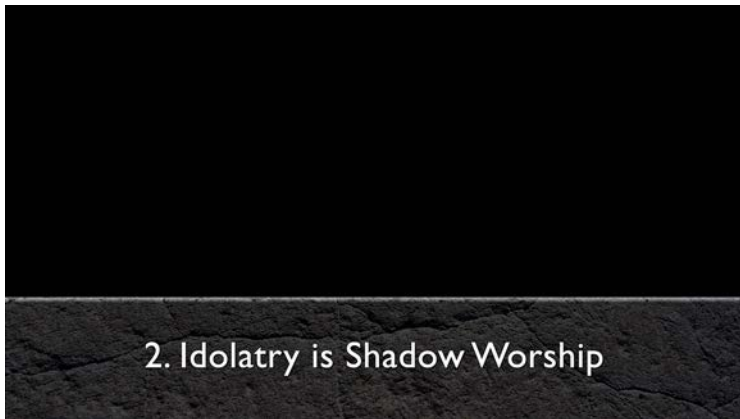


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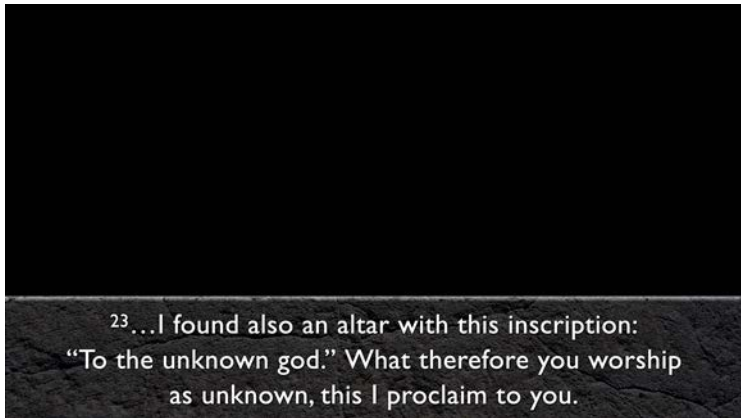
“The human heart is an idol factory.”

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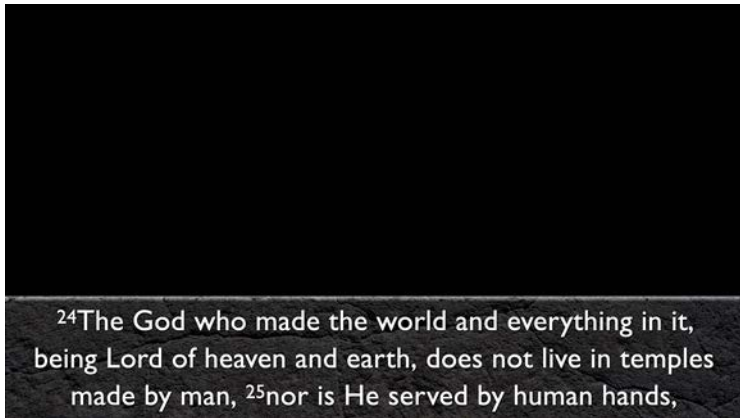
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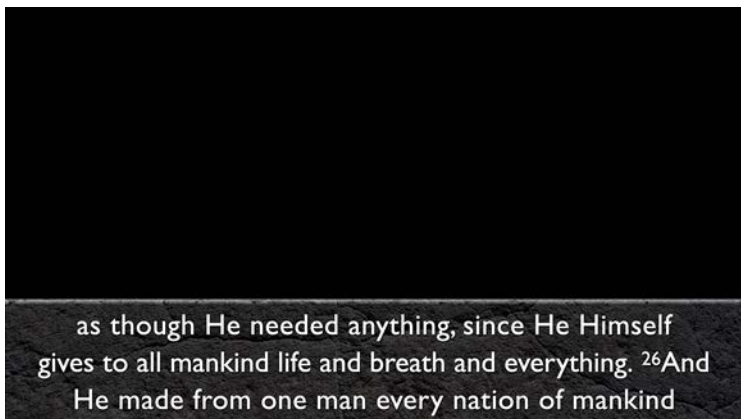
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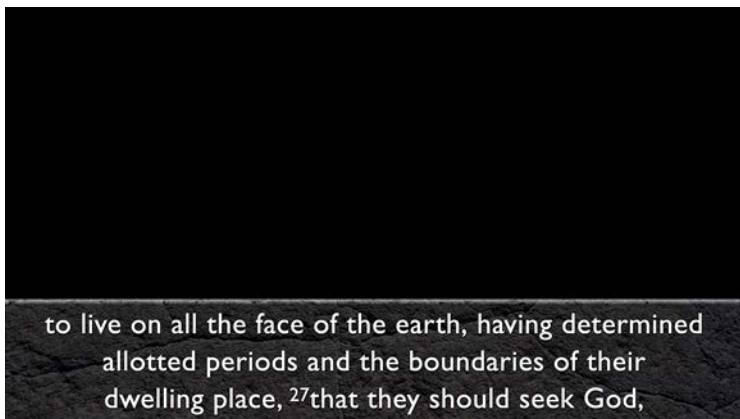
²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it,
being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples
made by man, ²⁵nor is He served by human hands,

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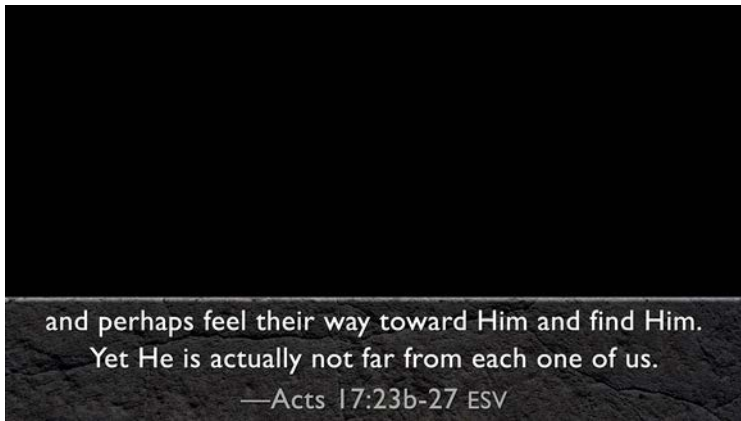
as though He needed anything, since He Himself
gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And
He made from one man every nation of mankind

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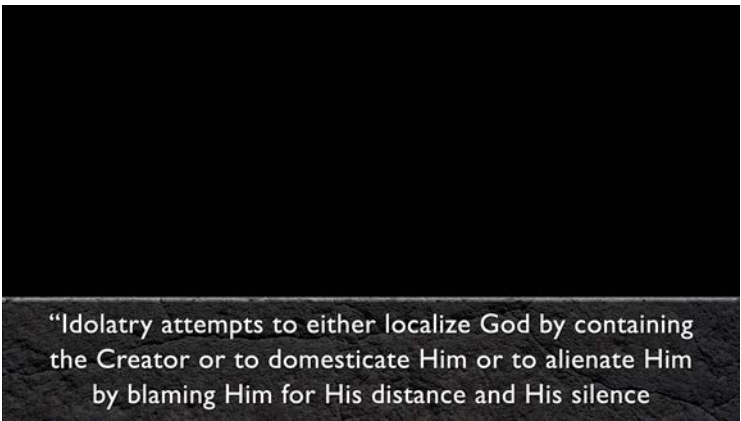
to live on all the face of the earth, having determined
allotted periods and the boundaries of their
dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God,

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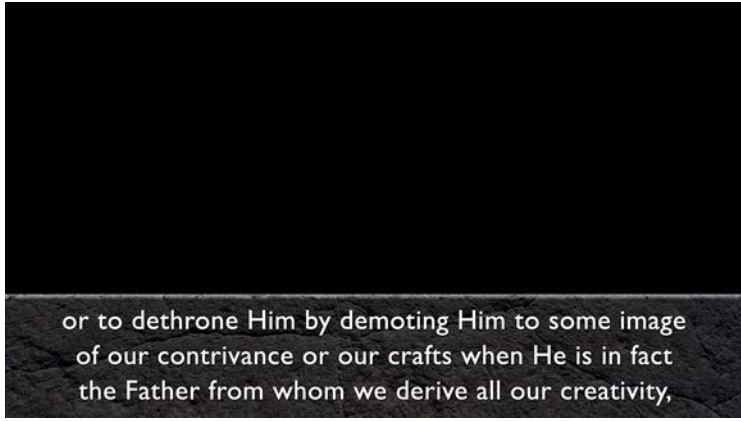
and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him.
Yet He is actually not far from each one of us.
—Acts 17:23b-27 ESV

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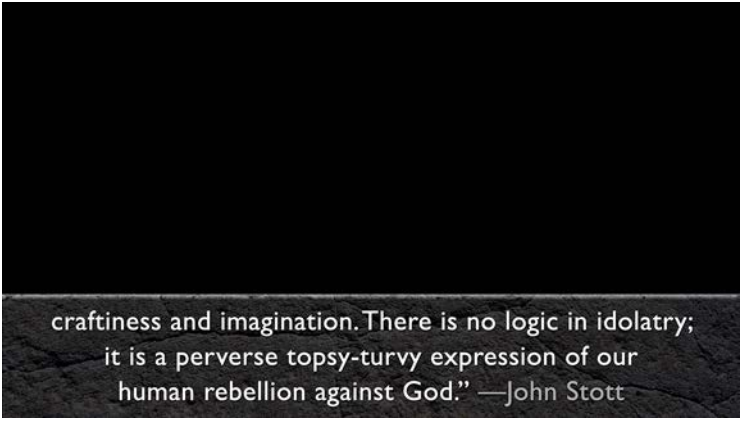
“Idolatry attempts to either localize God by containing the Creator or to domesticate Him or to alienate Him by blaming Him for His distance and His silence

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or to dethrone Him by demoting Him to some image of our contrivance or our crafts when He is in fact the Father from whom we derive all our creativity,

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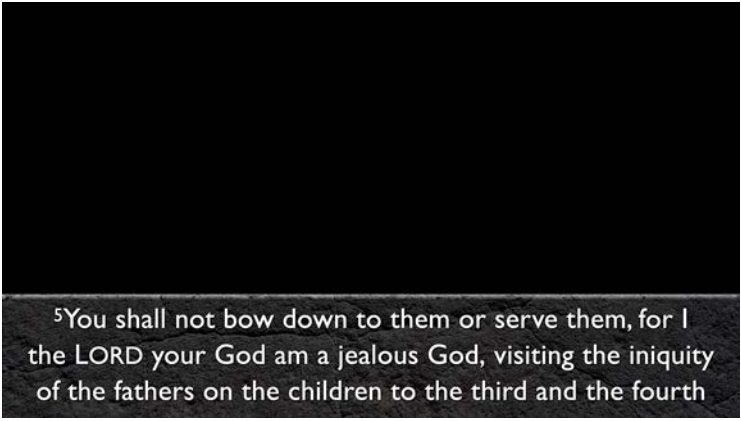
craftiness and imagination. There is no logic in idolatry; it is a perverse topsy-turvy expression of our human rebellion against God.” —John Stott

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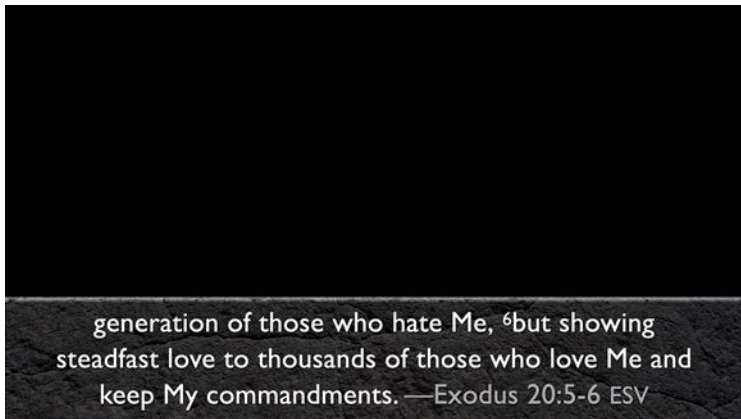
3. Idolatry Brings Injury to You and Your Family

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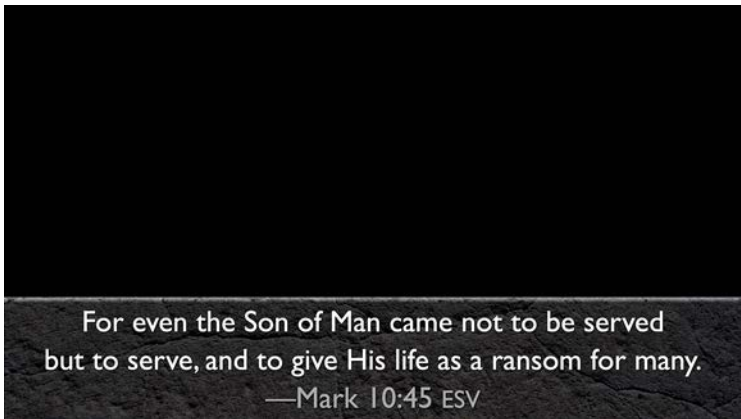
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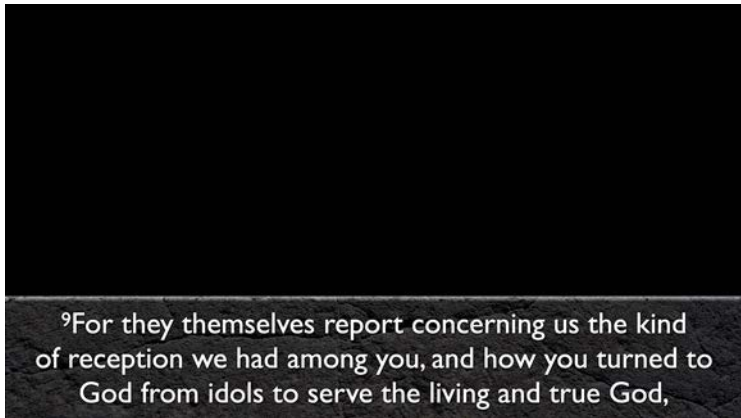
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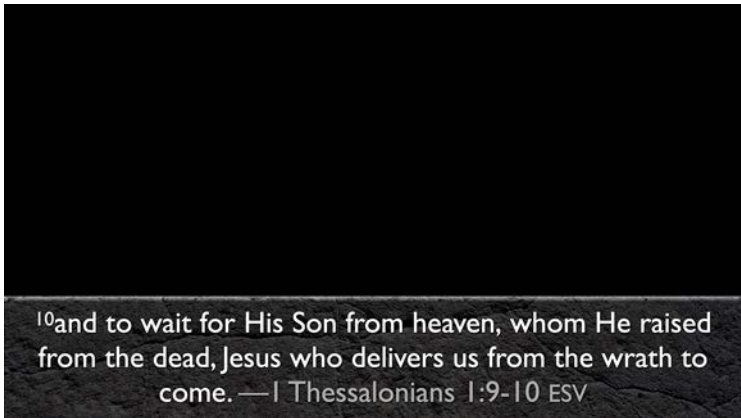
For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.—Mark 10:45 ESV

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⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

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¹⁰and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.—1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 ESV

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