

2 Kings 17:33

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How many know about God, yet serve false gods? That's pretty much what today's verse is saying, "***They feared the LORD, yet served their own gods***".

So many claim that they know God and believe in Jesus, yet they live like hell not caring about sin and even support it with agreeing in same sex marriages, sex outside of marriage, profanity, homosexuality, self seeking, full of pride and deceit, etc.... But the truth is, that they don't really know God or Jesus, because if they did, they would be obedient and live for the Lord and not approve of things that God does not approve of, which is sin.

Look at today's verse again, "***They feared the LORD, yet served their own gods--according to the rituals of the nations from among whom they were carried away.***" It even goes on to say, "***And this is still going on today. They continue to follow their former practices instead of truly worshiping the LORD and obeying the decrees, regulations, instructions, and commands he gave the descendants of Jacob, whose name he changed to Israel.***" 2 Kings 17:34 (NLT2)

I read that and think of those who go to church on Christmas and Easter only. Oh, but once in a while they may go to church a couple of times during the year. They hear the message of salvation, especially on Easter Sunday, and some may have even gone forward at the altar call, yet they go back to their old lifestyle, some as soon as they get into their car and leave the church parking lot. Because, "***They continue to follow their former practices instead of truly worshiping the LORD and obeying the decrees, regulations, instructions, and commands.***"

Maybe this is you. You go to church once in a great while, you pray before each meal if you remember to, and you make sure you pray when there is something that you really need or want. Or you pray when you need God to get you out of the jam that you got yourself into. Reading the bible is not for you, because you don't have time for it, and it really doesn't interest you at all.

But yeah, you went to church that one time and went forward at the altar call, and even prayed the sinners prayer. But you didn't really mean it. You just wanted fire insurance, because you don't want to go to hell, yet you still want to live like hell. "***They feared the LORD, yet served their own gods***"

The world has gotten so bad that this is no time to mess around with your eternity, because even though you may have heard it over and over by those Christians (which I am one of), that Jesus is coming back any day, if you read your bible, you would realize that we are right and the world is set up for the return of Jesus to take all the Christians home to heaven at any moment.

Then what will happen? Well, you will be left with the rest of those who chose to live like hell, and will actually live like you are in hell for the next seven years, because all hell will literally be let loose on this earth, and unless you truly give your life to Jesus and repent of your sins, you will, not might, but will be left behind. You will also find out that you really don't have fire insurance, because Jesus didn't die so that you could have a Fire Insurance Policy, but so that you could have a relationship with Him here on this earth, before you have a eternal relationship with Him in Heaven.

So for you, today is the day to make that change, even though you may have heard that a hundred times, this time could actually be the last time you can make that decision, because you may not have a tomorrow.

Are you really willing to gamble your eternity away thinking you will do it later, or tomorrow? Well, today is yesterday's tomorrow, so tomorrow is here. Now what's your excuse?

† **2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (NLT2)** *As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.*