

Numbers 12:7-8

Not so with My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house. I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?

God spoke to Moses Face to face, yet Moses never turned God into an idol. Unlike Aaron, even though he knew God, he gave the people a false idol (god) to worship, a golden calf, maybe that was why he was *not afraid To speak against My servant Moses*.

Yet how easy it is for Christians to turn God's word, and the blessings of God into idols.

I am thinking teachings right now, because I remember there was a teaching that was big in the late 90's all based upon the Prayer of Jabez. This was a prayer by a man in the bible named Jabez. The entire story and prayer about this man is a total of two (2); yes, count them, two (2) verses that were right in the midst of the genealogies in I Chronicles chapter 4. So based upon these two verses, which included a prayer that was 32 words long, a book was written, teaching on these two verses. But not only that but there was also a daily devotional you could buy, and also another version for women. You could also buy tee shirts and coffee mugs and wall art and even key chains all based upon one simple teaching from two verses. Simply man had turned God's word into an idol.

Unfortunately this is done so many different ways amongst Christians and they think it's ok. They will take a man made, so called picture of Jesus and think it's actually Jesus. They hang it on their walls and some even talk to it or pray to it. It's an idol people, because no one on the earth knows what Jesus looks like. I always said one of the the first things some will say to Jesus when we get to heaven is, "Wow, you look nothing like your pictures".

But we even turn teachers, pastors, worship groups all into idols. We have all done it where we think we just love this person's teaching and can't get enough, and if this pastor or person posts a bible verse on Social Media, hundreds of people like it. Where as if some unknown normal person on social media were to post the same bible verse, maybe (if lucky) a few people would like it. When has happened is that it has nothing to do with the bible verse posted, but rather it's all about who posted it.

We have taken the simplicity of the gospel and have turned it into idols.

There was a man in the book of Acts named Simon, who saw that by the laying on of hands that people would receive the Holy Spirit, so he tried to buy this ability, simply because he wanted to make a profit off of it. The reply by Peter was:

† **Acts 8:20** *But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!"*

Once again, another gift of God turned into an idol, and that idol was money.

What about cute little angels or even devils. If you were to read the bible about both, you would find neither one cute. But angels are powerful, mighty servants of God, which man has belittled making them cute babies with wings. And those so called cute little devils are fallen angels who have rebelled against our God, yet how many have them in their homes. Another idol that the world took from God's word and twisted it into something, weak, twisted and perverse.

I only say these things so we are all mindful of what we allow in our homes, and in our hearts. We should only allow the truth of God's word, and not the perverted things the world has done with His word.

† **Jeremiah 23:36** *And the oracle of the LORD you shall mention no more. For every man's word will be his oracle, for you have perverted the words of the living God, the LORD of hosts, our God.*