

Heed The Word of God

The bible, God's word, tells us to beware. You might say: Beware of what? So here is just one.

In the book of Deuteronomy it is written: "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command thee this day: Lest, when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein... and thou say in thine heart My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish" (8:11, 12, 17-19).

Now this was first written for Israel but I believe God intended it for our day also.

For in 2 Timothy Paul writes: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (3:16, 17).

So God tells us that we are to learn from all scripture both Old and New Testament.

God told Israel in the Old Testament not to walk after, nor serve, nor worship other gods or they would perish. I think it would be safe to classify that as idolatry.

Paul wrote in Colossians saying, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth, fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence and covetousness, which is idolatry" (3:5).

That is to say that when you put things, your car, your job, your hobby or anything or persons that you desire, in the number one spot of your life instead of God, you are committing idolatry. And idolaters will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But there is still hope in Jesus Christ our God and Savior for Paul writes in Romans: "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement" (5:6-11).

Receive atonement for your sins now. Turn from your idolatry and sin, accept Christ's payment in your place and put your faith in and give your life to Him. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

God is calling His lost sheep, let Him speak to you, read His word.

Gary Westgerdes, Coldwater, Ohio Letter to The Editor:

The Daily Standard 4-6-81 www.thekeysofheaven.com