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Ten Keys to the Life You Always Wanted

Watch what you worship

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Aspect #1: The Danger of Idolatry

Exodus 20:4 (NIV): You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

Deuteronomy 18:9-12 (NIV): When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord; because of these same detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you.

Deuteronomy 18:15 (NIV): The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.

Colossians 1:15 (NIV): The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

False Image #1: God Minus Judgement

Genesis 15:13-16 (NIV): Then the Lord said to him, "Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure."

False Image #2: God Minus Morality

Aspect #2: The Effects of Idolatry

Exodus 20:5 (NIV): You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me...

Aspect #3: The Blessings of Obedience

Exodus 20:6 (NIV): ...but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.