

- **Verse 7: They feared other gods**
- **Verse 7: They walked in the customs of the nations**
- **Verse 9: The people did secretly...things that were not right.**
- **Verse 12: They served idols**
- **Verse 14: They would not listen, but were stubborn**
- **Verse 15: They went after false idols and became false**

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Why Was Idolatry So Attractive?

Idolatry was guaranteed

- It was a simple formula.
- You get to have a god in your midst.
- One could get their attention quickly.

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Why Was Idolatry So Attractive?

Idolatry was selfish

- Scratch the gods back and they'll scratch yours.
- They need food and sacrifices; you need blessings.
- Do your stuff and they'll be obliged to get you stuff.

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Why Was Idolatry So Attractive?

Idolatry was easy

- It encouraged vain religious activity.
 - Do what you like with your life.
- Just show up consistently and you will be fine.

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Why Was Idolatry So Attractive?

Idolatry was convenient

- Access to gods was almost everywhere.
- Statues can be used in the home or on the go.

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Why Was Idolatry So Attractive?

Idolatry was normal

- Everyone did it.
- It's how women got pregnant, how crops grew, how armies conquered.
- It was like oil: nothing ran in the ancient world without it.

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“They went after false gods and became false.”

- 1. Idolatry cost Israel more than they could ever imagine!*
- 2. Idolatry only produced pain!*
- 3. Israel had blind spots when it came to their idolatry.*
- 4. Israel failed to take God’s word seriously.*

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Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

1 John 5:21

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*Put to death therefore what is earthly in you:
sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire,
and covetousness, which is idolatry.*

Colossians 3:5

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Some Questions To Consider

Is there anything or anyone more important to you than God?

Is there anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God?

Is there anything you seek to give you what only God can give?

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Money

Fame

Beauty

Family

Our hearts must fully belong to God!

Our lives must be hidden in Christ.

Power

Politics

Success

Sex

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“They went after false gods and became false.”

Are we going after false gods?

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