

WHOLE-HEARTED

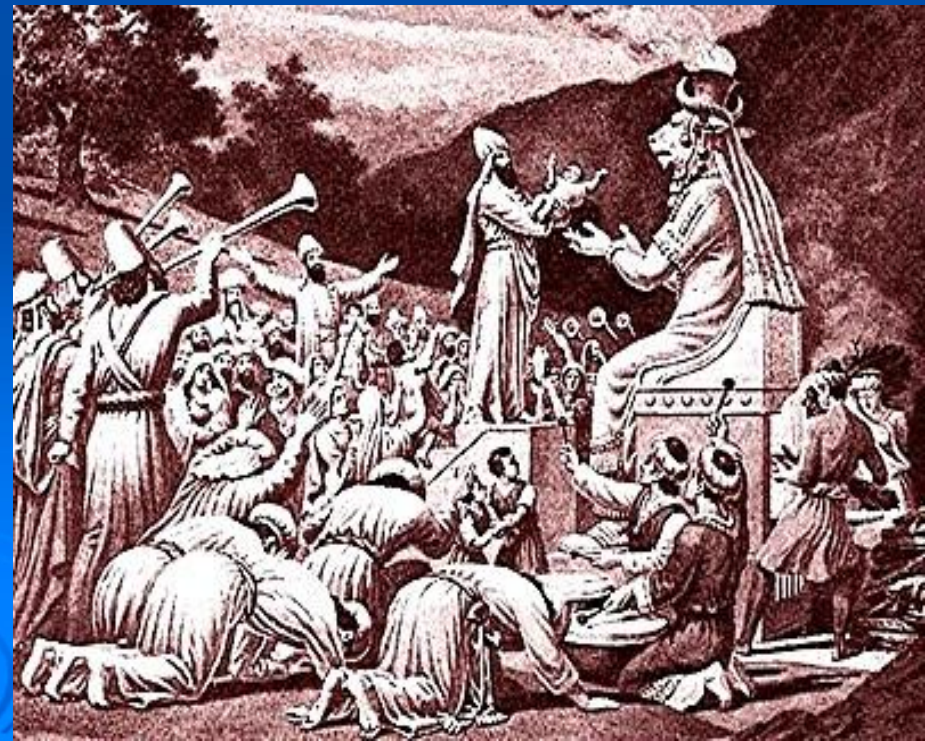
- *Lebab shalem* = whole hearted
- David committed many sins against humans but God saw him as whole-hearted
- Idolatry seems to be the same as “blasphemy of the Holy Spirit”
- Ancient Hebrews struggled with defining idolatry

David: A Man



After God's Heart

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WHAT IS IDOLATRY?

- Church says idolatry is anything that we put ahead of God
- Bible says that idolatry is overt and tangible worship of idols and god images who are obviously not YHVH
- This outward expression begins with a conscious decision of the mind and soul to re-define God
- It necessarily involves rejecting some or all of the Holy Scriptures
- Modern Jews and Christians aren't usually found praying or burning incense to god idols

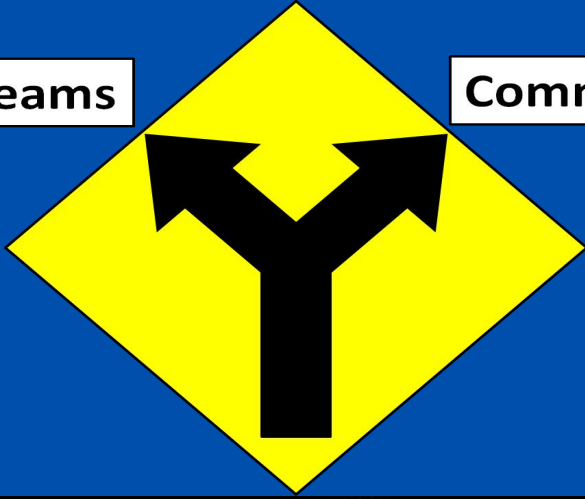


MODERN ERA IDOLATRY

- The god we want versus the God who is
- The Scripturally declared attributes of God make Him who He is
- Idolatry = to accept some attributes and reject others is to fashion our own god
- Whole-hearted = embracing God in all His attributes as Biblically defined

Dreams

Commandments



ASA BECOMES KING OF JUDAH



- *Aviyam* reigned 3 years
- *Asa*, son of *Aviyam*, became king in 20th year of Jeroboam's rule over Israel
- *Qadesh* = set apart ones
- Bible scholars believe these are Temple prostitutes
- Hebrews did not see what they were doing as wrong
- Christianity does not seem to have learned from this !



GOODBYE GRANDMA MA'ACAH!



- *Ma'acah* removed from her position as *Gevirah* (Queen Mother) by *Asa*
- Her Asherah was cut down and burned in the Kidron
- However.....Asa left the *bamot* (high places)
- These were *bamot* for YHVH, not for idols
- Wrong because there was to be one city and one place for sacrifice and worship of YHVH



THE OTHER SIDE OF ASA

- After **Aviyam** defeated Jeroboam there was 10 years of peace
- During this 10 years **Asa** uprooted idolatry in Judah
- **Zerah** invaded from Cush
- The Lord delivered Judah
- **Ba'sha** King of Israel invaded Judah and took Ramah
- **Asa** used the Temple treasury to purchase an ally in Ben-Hadad of Damascus, Syria



THE END OF ASA'S REIGN

- Cut stones and building materials left behind by *Ba'sha* used by *Asa* to build-up Geva and Mitzpah
- In 39th year of *Asa's* reign he became ill and died not long after
- *Yehoshaphat*, his son, succeeded him
- Vs. 25 backs us up several years
- *Nadav* succeeds his father Jeroboam as King of Israel, but was killed in 2 years



BA'SHA

- *Ba'sha* was from the tribe of Issachar
- *Nadav* was King of Israel, fighting at *Gib'ton*, when *Ba'sha* murdered him
- *Ba'sha* then wiped-out all males from Jeroboam's line
- NOTE: This was the Lord's will to bring about punishment to the House of Jeroboam



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- ***Ba'sha*** a failure and the Lord set out to punish him for his wickedness
- Prophet ***Yehu***, son of the Prophet ***Hanani***
- Lord says He will wipe out ***Ba'sha's*** line just as ***Ba'sha*** wiped out Jeroboam's line



THE STRANGE CASE OF THE SUCCESSION OF ISRAELITE KINGS

- Each new succeeding generation of kings continued in the perverse worship of the kings who preceded them
- Each new generation of kings was TOLD in advance why the Lord was allowing them to become the new king
- Why this irrational behavior?
- Satan was their true master and Satan has the same self-destructive attitude
- Spiritual blindness is the cause
- Believers can suffer from that same spiritual blindness when thinking we can disobey God without consequence, be against His people Israel, and disdain His ordained observances and replace them with our own