

Transformations Part 5 – Almolonga, Guatemala

Idols (part 2)

(Psalms 106:14, 15, 19-23, 33-45) In the desert they gave in to their craving; in the wasteland they put God to the test.

Idol worship causes you to _____ to your cravings

{15} So he gave them what they asked for, but sent a wasting disease upon them...

{19} At Horeb they made a calf and worshiped an idol cast from metal.

{20} They exchanged their Glory for an image of a bull, which eats grass.

{21} They forgot the God who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt, {22} miracles in the land of Ham and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

Never forget His _____

{23} So he said he would destroy them-- had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them...

{34} They did not destroy the peoples as the LORD had commanded them, {35} but they mingled with the nations and adopted their customs.

{36} They worshiped their idols, which became a snare to them.

Idols will _____ believers, neutralizing them

{37} They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons. {38} They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was desecrated by their blood. {39} They defiled themselves by what they did; by their deeds they prostituted themselves.

{40} Therefore the LORD was angry with his people and abhorred his inheritance. {41} He handed them over to the nations, and their foes ruled over them. {42} Their enemies oppressed them and subjected them to their power.

{43} Many times he delivered them, but they were bent on rebellion and they wasted away in their sin.

_____ against God leads to spiritual sickness and death

{44} But he took note of their distress when he heard their cry;

{45} for their sake he remembered his covenant and out of his great love he relented.

(Psalms 67:5-7) May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. {6} Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. {7} God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

(Exodus 23:23-33) My angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites, and I will wipe them out. {24} Do not bow down before their gods...

We must not _____ or _____ to idols

... or worship them...

...or follow their practices....

...You must demolish them...

... and break their sacred stones to pieces....

... {25} Worship the LORD your God,...

... and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you, {26} and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span....

These are _____ blessings

... {27} "I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run. {28} I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way....

These are _____ blessings

... {29} But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you. {30} Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land....

Spiritual _____ parallels _____ maturity

... {31} "I will establish your borders from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the desert to the River. I will hand over to you the people who live in the land and you will drive them out before you....

... {32} Do not make a covenant with them or with their gods....

... {33} Do not let them live in your land, or they will cause you to sin against me,...

... because the worship of their gods will certainly be a snare to you."

(Jeremiah 2:13) "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

God is the only source of _____ fulfilling life