

“The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same”

2 Kings 17:1-23

***IDOLATRY: An E_____...**

- Worship**: A biblically faithful understanding of God joined with a biblically faithful response to Him.
- Idolatry**: An unbiblical, unfaithful understanding of God...and/or an unbiblical, unfaithful response to Him.
- Romans 1:18-32** – For good or ill, God allows us to worship what we desire...

***IDOLATRY: THE P_____...**

- David Powlison: “Idolatry is by far the most frequently discussed problem in the Scriptures.”
- 2 Kings 17:7-12** – Idol worship was & is a manifestation of a *deeper* issue...
- 1 Chronicles 28:8-9, 1 Kings 8:23, Numbers 32:11-12** – Notice a common theme?
- 2 Kings 17:32-33** – The problem was not that Israel ceased to worship, but rather that the worship was divided...
- Psalms 86:11** – A great psalm to pray if **you** desire a heart that is **undivided**...
- “Be careful not to worship a **G**_____ thing as a **G**_____ thing, for that is a **B**_____ thing.”

***IDOLATRY: Its E_____...**

- 2 Kings 17:15** – The KEY verse in today’s passage...
- One fact we MUST remember:
 - >You **B**_____ like that which you **W**_____.
- Exodus 20:4-5a & 34:13-14, James 4:4-5** – An important characteristic of God that we must understand...

***IDOLATRY: A_____ & M_____...**

- Some closing thoughts from the book, “Doctrine”...
- A Closing Question: *Could it be that many self-described Christians today who aren’t who they should be are that way not **in spite of** their worship, but rather **because of** their worship?*

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