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Idolaters and Covetousness

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Idolaters and Covetousness.

Idolaters: refers to those who worship images, or a pagan god or pay homage and do service to an idol of that god. It includes conjurers and dealers with familiar spirits, necromancers, and idolaters and those who worship the virgin Mary, and exalted departed saints

Idolatry and covetousness: are the very essence of worldliness and is called idolatry by Paul in the following two verses:

- **Colossians 3:5:** Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
- **Ephesians 5:5:** You may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

God-created us, and if we are created by God, it does not make sense to think we could hire a sculptor to chisel a god out of stone for us to worship? One of the greatest signs of the coming doom is seen when the global world has strayed so far away from the love of God and His ways that it has lost the power to hate what dishonours Him and offends the Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore lost the power to repent, which always leads to moral decay.

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Covet (Hebrew chamad): means to delight in beauty, to crave a delectable thing, to desire or lust after a pleasant thing or precious thing.

Covet (Hebrew 'avah): to wish for to covet greatly, to desire, be desirous, long for and lust after.

Covet (Greek epithumeo): means to set the heart upon, to long for (rightfully or otherwise), to covet, desire and lust after.

Covet (Greek zeloo): means to have warmth of feeling for or against, to covet earnestly, to have desire toward, to move with envy, be jealous over, and be zealously affected.

Summing it up the word covet means:

- To greatly delight in beauty, a beloved or a sweetheart.
- To have or feel a strong desire for a delicious and tasty thing.
- To have a great desire, or lust of, or after a goodly, precious or pleasant (thing).

NOTE: the word covet can refer to coveting after something that is good or something that is forbidden.

Covetousness Hebrew (betsa): means, plunder and by extension gain, usually unjust gain or dishonest gain for money and profit. It carries the idea of being selfish, greedy and eager for gain, it's holding onto or desiring more than one has or needs (i.e., the practice greediness).

Covetousness Greek (pleonexia and pleonektes): means, avarice and by implication fraudulency, extortion, greediness. It carries the idea of desiring more than one needs, being selfish and eager for gain, defrauding others for gain and all that is embraced in the Hebrew word (*betsa*) previously mentioned.

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