

MY GOD IS THE GREATEST

KING SOLOMON

2 CHRONICLES 2:5

Day 2

People have been trying to replace God with anything since the beginning of creation. Most religions of the world add things to God to make a religion that is comfortable to mankind. Most of us are not that extreme. We know that God alone is the answer for our lives & for our future. King Solomon could look around & see all the enemy countries nipping at the heels of his country. He could see their puny little gods, made of wood & stone, and he realized that they were dead & useless & powerless. Yet, this Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, erected these gods in Israel for the people to worship or rather lean upon.

We still have those kinds of gods with us, and people still worship the stupidest things. However, for the believer who thinks he is above idolatry, we have more psychologically sophisticated ways to replace God in our daily experience. We can use the god of anger to keep people away from us; that strategy cuts down on being hurt again. We can use the god of fear to justify why we never do anything beyond our normal comfort zones; we shun memories of past failures, never wanting to experience them again. The god of pride is a good one; we get "hung up" on ourselves, and we concentrate on meeting our own needs, living for all kinds of self-gratification, and being self-sufficient with no need for others (major isolation).

There are lots of "gods" that we lean upon to avoid having to obey & follow the leading of the Lord. It is subtle. Some people are pessimistic about everything to protect themselves from disappointments. Others never take a stand for anything for fear of rejection and criticism. Some never offer to help people for fear that may have to enter a commitment or on-going relationship.

The devil wants to keep us busy playing with our gods so that we will never see how powerful & sufficient God is to meet every one of our needs.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What gods have you battled with & allowed to replace God in His special role of meeting every need you have?
2. Describe the God of heaven who has the power to know all your secrets & meet all your troubles. Why is He different from what the world is offering as an answer to hope?

A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

What do you need to say to God as you face the topic being discussed in this devotional? Write out your prayer word for word just as if you were praying. Use separate lined paper to record your prayer. Make sure you actually pray this prayer to the Lord. Be honest & be personal. After all, you mean business with God here. You want this area of your life either fixed, strengthened, added, or removed.