



You will never amount to anything.

Session #12

Genesis 1:27,31

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him. Then, God saw that everything He created was good.

1. Y N Trusting your own person or "other gods" to get you through is hopeless.
2. Y N Would you agree that trusting gods is learned by copying other people.

A Few Thoughts:

- Abraham's parents lived in Chaldea; they consulted or prayed to other gods (Josh. 24:1-4)
- Laban from Syria was Jacob's uncle; he owned household gods (Gen 31:20); this is the first mention of "other gods" or idols in the Bible.
- Therefore, many other nations scattered around that world prayed to other gods too.
- For example, the Chaldean "god team" included YAHWEH, Nanna, and various heavenly bodies.
 - a. YAHWEH was the God of our Fathers (ancestors); He was the primary God.
 - b. Nanna was the supreme god over just about everything; he was second in command.
 - c. Various heavenly bodies were prayed to; they were next when someone else was needed.

Gen. 14:22-23 **But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, The Possessor of heaven and earth. I will take nothing that is yours from here."**

3. When Abram left Ur and later Haran - heading for Israel, what decision did he make about the gods he had grown up with? _____

Hint: "YAHWEH" = "The LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth."

This is the time in history when Abram became a believer.

4. Why would a person need more than one god to get through life? _____

5. Y N Trusting in yourself to get through life is worthless.

6. Y N Believing in the wrong god is worthless.

7. If everybody around you follows a particular god, you would trust those people and expect that god to work when you need him. What if he doesn't work for you? Explain.

Hint: That god could be trusting yourself, getting & keeping money, the leader of some religion, sexual satisfaction/addiction, overpowering others with violence, a non-living object like a coin, statue, etc., a heavenly body high up that looks so powerful.

8. Would you agree that some folks may seek all kinds of "other gods" because they don't want to deal with a holy God Who expects obedience from them? Yes No

9. Would a person deliberately seek "other gods" if they knew that would lead them down through feelings of worthlessness? Yes No

If you are avoiding God Almighty, you cannot avoid feelings of worthlessness because your worth and value can only come from Him.

Genesis 1:26 - God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to the pattern of Our character".

AM I WORTHLESS?

Matthew 6:30

Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today exists and tomorrow is gone, will He not much more clothe & care for you, Oh you of little faith.

1. YOU ARE LOVED. __Y__N Would God spend all this time & effort caring for something that is worthless?

Remember - Unworthy does not equal worthless.

Ephesians 2:10

We are His workmanship (masterpiece), created in the image of Christ for the purpose of good works, which God prepared beforehand to be accomplished.

2. YOU ARE A MASTERPIECE __Y__N Is a masterpiece today considered worthless?

1 Corinthians 6:20

For you are bought with a price; therefore, honor God with your whole being which is created in the image of God.

3. YOU WERE EXPENSIVE __Y__N Is it logical for something worthless to be expensive?

Ephesians 1:4

God chose us in His image and by His love before the foundation of the world existed, that we should be holy and without blame as we stand before Him.

4. YOU ARE CHOSEN __Y__N Would God choose something that is worthless?

Ephesians 1:6

God made us accepted in His Arms and Family.

5. YOU ARE ACCEPTED __Y__N Did God adopt & accept someone worthless?

Isaiah 43:1,4

I, The LORD have created you and formed you; fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by YOUR name; you are Mine ...I have honored you and I loved you.

6. YOU ARE VALUABLE __Y__N Would God call someone worthless by his/her name?

Jeremiah 1:5

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.

7. YOU HAVE A PURPOSE __Y__N Would God plan a purpose for something worthless?

Jeremiah 29:11

I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

8. YOU HAVE A FUTURE __Y__N Can something worthless have a future?

Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but instead, for everything by prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving; let your requests be made known unto God SO THAT the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

9. YOU ARE SAFE & SECURE __Y__N Would God protect something worthless?

Isaiah 49:15-16

Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they could forget, yet I will not forget you. Look. I have chiseled you on the palms of my hands;

10. YOU ARE REMEMBERED __Y__N Are worthless things warmly remembered?

WORTHLESS = *Nobody cares for me; there is nothing special about me; I'm not worth it; Nobody wants to choose me; nobody will accept me; nobody knows who I really am; I have no purpose to exist; I have no reason to have a future; nobody wants to protect me; nobody remembers me.*

UNWORTHY = *I have inherited sin; God is absolutely holy. HE WANTS ME ANYWAY!!*

11. __Y__N When people hurt me and reject me, does that mean God is hurting me and rejecting me?

Could you take a chance with God? He can see way beyond the rejection, the grief, and the feelings of worthlessness. Lean on Him (That will work); don't lean on you (That ain't working)