

- Romans 1:24, 26, 28, “God gave them up” (3x)
- Psalm 44:11 – “You gave us up to be devoured like sheep and have scattered us among the nations.”
- Deuteronomy 32:20, “I will hide my face from them,” he said, “and see what their end will be; for they are a perverse generation, children who are unfaithful.”
- Amos 8:11 - “The days are coming,” declares the Sovereign LORD, “when I will send a famine through the land-- not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD.”
- John 9:4 - “As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.”
- Psalm 115:4 and 8 – “But their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands...Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.”
- Psalm 135:15 – “The idols of the nations are silver and gold, made by human hands.”
- Ephesians 4:14-15 - “Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.”
- Colossians 2:8 – “See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.”

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“A strange tidbit of information I took away from my years in Sunday school was that idol worship is really, really bad. The problem was that I had never seen an idol. Whenever the Sunday school teacher would talk about idols, I would look around the classroom, trying to figure out if any of my peers were honestly struggling with the temptation to worship idols. I had a feeling nobody was...It was later explained to me that modern idol worship could include money, power, fame, or anything else we might put before God. But that didn’t sound right to me because I knew the people of Israel weren’t having trouble with money, power, or fame. They were worshipping actual stone idols. God was adamant that they not bow down to these graven images. So what would be the equivalent of an actual idol in our society today? ...There were four things an idol did for its worshippers:

1. *Explained origin*
2. *Identified purpose*
3. *Developed ethics*
4. *Determined future*

Therefore, the equivalent of idol worship in today’s society would have little to do with power or wealth, but would be some kind of worldview that’s not biblical. It would be a philosophy that answers the essential questions of life without involving God.”

God (Christ)

