

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

THE FOLLY OF IDOLATRY

Habakkuk 2:18-20

Habakkuk 2:18,19 pronounces God's doom on the greatest of all sins (& twin brother to pride) – man's idolatry. (The 5th & last "Woe!")

1. Idolatry – Then & Now

Images of God & gods

Statues of wood, stone, gold, and images of words & ideas.

"I like to think of God as ... [fill in the blank]"

This is fallen man: "a factory of idols."

("Make us gods" Israel said to Aaron while Moses was with God.)

It's what we do in our rebellion against the true and living God.

2. The folly of idolatry

Man makes gods?

What kind of "god" is that? It's foolishness. It's backwards!

Why do it? Made by God in His image, we are driven to "worship," but we want gods we can corral, de-horn, understand, gods we *can* serve, placate, control, gods who endorse our visions & goals & accept us as we are.

Demonic traps. (1Cor.10:19,20, 1Tim.4:1, 1John 4:1-3, 2Tim.2:26, etc.)

The "gods" we make, enslave us and become terrible masters, like Moloch to whom the Canaanites sacrificed their children, Political gods that promise utopia and enslave millions.

The god of "science," freed from every moral restraint (of God), becomes Frankenstein's monster.

Man re-makes and improves the living God?

Pseudo-Christian half-truths & wish fulfillment, plastic Jesus.

Can you "revise" God? Will He go along with that project?

Can your idol deliver from the judgment of the true God? Woe!

3. The supreme majesty of the living God

The true & living God has made Himself known.

Enthroned Lord over all His creation - in His holy, heavenly temple.

Hab.2:20 & Psalm 2:1-4

Stand in awe, bow in awe – all the earth.

Even the angels hide their faces from His glory.

Shut your mouth now and repent while you may.

Romans 3:19, Isaiah 55:6,7

Behold the One who is God-made-visible: Jesus

Be still before His cross and confess your idolatries.

Bow before Him – Lord of ALL, enthroned in heaven – our Savior.