

Sunday Morning

January 11, 2015

ETERNITY IN MY HEART THE WAR OF OUR SOULS

I KINGS 16:26

INSIGHT: The war against idolatry is the single greatest daily fight of our souls for as long as we live.

I. IDOLATRY IN THE BOOKS OF KINGS

1. I Kings 14:9
2. I Kings 16:13
3. I Kings 21:26
4. II Kings 17:12, 15

INSIGHT: Idolatry is not an unforgivable sin but a top sin by God.

II. WHAT IDOLATRY IS (*Exodus 20:1, 4-5 NIV*)

INSIGHT: There is no God but Jehovah but we can make other things "god" in our lives (*Isaiah 45:5, 12, 22*).

INSIGHT: Whatever we love more than God will begin to control us... that's a law of idolatry.

INSIGHT: Whatever we love more than God will lead us astray.

III. BENEFITS OF WORSHIPING GOD ONLY

1. It will fulfill you (*Psalms 37:4*).
2. It will free you up (*John 8:36*).

How do these two moves bless our lives?

- a) We don't worry about the approval of others.
- b) We don't agonize over past sins.

IV. HOW TO MAKE GOD FIRST

1. Finances (*Proverbs 3:9 LB*)

INSIGHT: God says money is the number one test of priorities (*Deuteronomy 14:23 LB*).

INSIGHT: Whatever you want God to bless, you put Him first in it.

2. Activities and relationships

INSIGHT: If you can't talk about God where you go and with whom you're with, God isn't first (*Proverbs 27:19 LB; I Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 12:26*).

INSIGHT: If you don't provide godly models for your kids to follow, they will get it from TV.

INVITATION TO CHANGE PRIORITIES