

IDOLS CANNOT SPEAK



Idols Fall Deborah King

For the workman trusts in his own creation when he makes dumb idols!

Habakkuk 2

Idols

There are idols of wood, stone, clay, silver and gold.

They cannot speak.

Do they listen?

Who can deny that money is an idol?

No, money doesn't "talk".

Money, like all other idols, is dumb. It cannot speak.

But what is an idol?

An idol is anything we hang our existence on, anything that possesses our heart---

---apart from God.

My career.

My child.

My dream.

My lust.

My nation.

My beliefs.

My grudges.

And, of course, my money.

I may expect my idol to do many things for me.

But one thing my idol cannot do:

It cannot speak.

My idol will never judge me.

Nor can it guide me.

But sooner or later it will destroy me.

God.

You cannot fashion God according to your wishes, though many try.

You cannot put words in God's mouth, though many try.

Nor can you evade his eye.

Or escape his words.

If we want to find our way in this glorious, hideous, frightening, magnificent world, we need to hear what those Israelites heard at Mount Sinai so long ago.

"I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me."

If we wish to live lives that pass over the Valley of Death, we need to hear what Jesus repeated to his listeners again and again:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself."

The God of the universe comes down to our level in the person of the Crucified and Risen One, and speaks to us as we read these words.

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

And no one shall snatch them out of my hand."

John 10



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Prayer: Father, Lord, Creator...help us to let go of any idol that possesses our hearts. May you and only you be the one we hear speaking to us. May we know and follow only you. May we wish to be held by you alone.

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