

## "What Do You Worship?" Judges 1:5-7

Idolatry is the substitution of anything else in our lives in the place of God. The book of Judges demonstrates the terrible consequences when God's people stop obeying Him and choose to worship idols.

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

—Judges 21:25

### **I. The People:**

- Deliberately Forgot About God (6-10).
- Sought Substitutes for God (11-13).

Surely he cuts cedars for himself, and takes a cypress or an oak and raises it for himself among the trees of the forest. He plants a fir, and the rain makes it grow. Then it becomes something for a man to burn, so he takes one of them and warms himself; he also makes a fire to bake bread. He also makes a god and worships it; he makes it a graven image and falls down before it.

Half of it he burns in the fire; over this half he eats meat as he roasts a roast and is satisfied. He also warms himself and says, "Aha! I am warm, I have seen the fire." But the rest of it he makes into a god, his graven image. He falls down before it and worships; he also prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god."

They do not know, nor do they understand, for He has smeared over their eyes so that they cannot see and their hearts so that they cannot comprehend. No one recalls, nor is there knowledge or understanding to say, "I have burned half of it in the fire and also have baked bread over its coals. I roast meat and eat it. Then I make the rest of it into an abomination, I fall down before a block of wood!"

—Isaiah 44:14-19

### **II. God:**

- Punished Their Disobedience (14-15).
- Gave Them Many Chances (16-23).

What idols are keeping you from worshipping God?

What steps must you take to eradicate them from your life?