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1 Kings 12 & 14
The Appeal of Idols

What is it that attracts us to idols?

1 Kings 12:26-29

What was the Appeal of Idols?

- For some it is power and or control.
- Others will be seduced by the ease, or convenience.

1 Kings 14: 22-24

What was the Appeal of Idols?

- Pleasure can be an idol of worship exalting sensuality without responsibility or guilt.

What is the Appeal of Idols?

- Pleasure is deified by some people seeking it at the expense of everything else.

What was the Appeal of Idols?

- When Passion is worshiped, this reduces humanity to little more than animals.

What is the Appeal of Idols?

- Like animals, people let physical drives and passion rule them.

What was the Appeal of Idols?

- Praise and popularity -the high and holy nature of God was replaced by gods who were more a reflection of human nature, thus more culturally suitable to the people.

What is the Appeal of Idols?

- Success is to be sought at all costs.

My conclusion: As societies change, they often throw out norms and values no longer considered necessary or acceptable. When society discards God and God's Word, only godlessness and evil remain. Believers must be careful not to follow society's example.

What is the effect of Idols?

- Sin in our lives will lead to judgment and devastation.

2 Chronicles 12:1-2

- God let their lives be attacked.

2 Chronicles 12:12 2 Chronicles 12:14

What is our response?

- Because they set their heart on seeking the LORD.....
- Will you follow me in dealing humbly with the idolatry in our lives?
- Will you follow me and set your GOOD heart on seeking the LORD?