

"In those days there was no king in the land and everyone did what was right in their own eyes!"

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"...and when the Lord your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy. Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons,

for they will turn your children away from following me to serve other gods, and the Lord's anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you. This is what you are to do to them: Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles and burn their idols in the fire."

Deuteronomy 7:2-5



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**Conform your behavior
to God's Word**

"But Samuel replied:

**'Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and
sacrifices**

as much as in obeying the Lord?

**To obey is better than sacrifice,
and to heed is better than the fat of rams.'"**

I Samuel 15:22



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**"We cannot embrace pleasures of the world
and promises of the Word at the same time."**

**"You are either leaving your mark on the world,
or the world is leaving its mark on you."**

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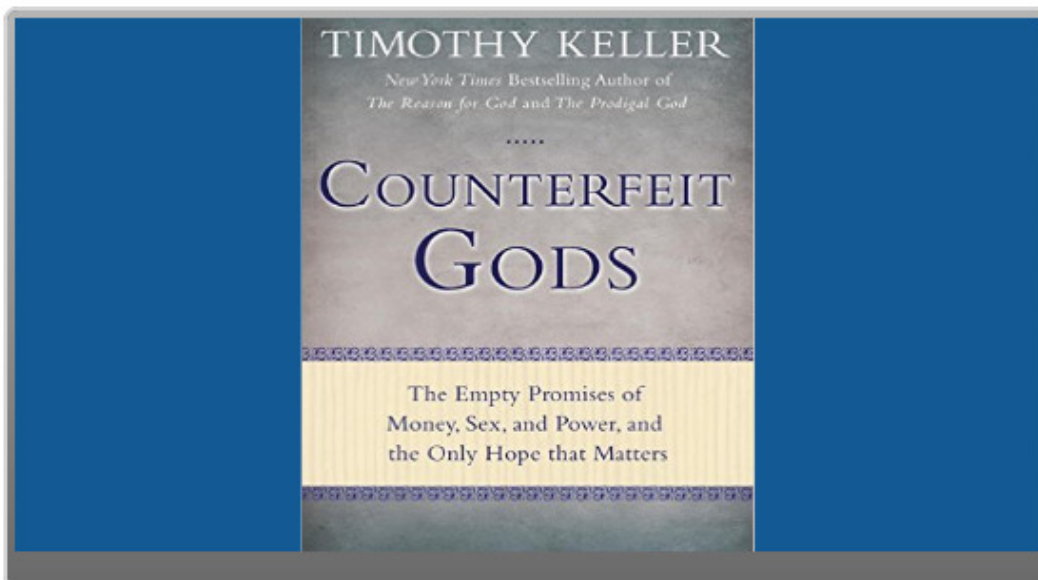
**Exclusive worship of
the true God**

**"You shall have no other gods before me.
You shall not make for yourself an image in the
form of anything in heaven above or on the
earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall
not bow down to them or worship them..."**

Exodus 20:3-5a

**"Do not worship any other god, for the Lord,
whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God."**

Exodus 34:14



"In Ezekiel 14:3, God says about elders of Israel, 'These men have set up their idols in their *hearts*.' Like us, the elders must have responded to this charge, 'Idols? What idols? I don't see any idols.' God was saying that the human heart takes good things like a successful career, love, material possessions, even family, and turns them into ultimate beings.

Our hearts deify them as the center of our lives, because, we think, they can give us significance and security, safety, and fulfillment, if we attain them. ... We may not physically kneel before the statue of Aphrodite, but many young women today are driven into depression and eating disorders by obsessive concern over their body image.

We may not actually burn incense to Artemis, but when money and career are raised to cosmic proportions, we perform a kind of child sacrifice, neglecting family and community to achieve a higher place in business and gain more wealth and prestige."

Tim Keller

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**Overlook God's
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"For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh."

Genesis 2:24

"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?"

What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

**'I will live with them
and walk among them,
and I will be their God,
and they will be my people.'"**

2 Corinthians 6:14-16

**"He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach their children,
so the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.**

**Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds
but would keep his commands.
They would not be like their ancestors—
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
whose hearts were not loyal to God,
whose spirits were not faithful to him."**

Psalms 78:5-8

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**Initiate instruction to
the next generation**

**We IMPACT our CULTURE by being SALT
and LIGHT in the midst of DARKNESS!**