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Sunday Morning Messages

New Series: Resisting Temptation

July 21 – "Worship and Serve God Alone" (Matthew 4:8-11) Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

The Gospel of Matthew Series

July 28 – "Seeing the Light" (Matthew 4:12-17) Pastor John Heston

August 4 – Anniversary Celebration Services
40th Anniversary Celebration for Roger and Dianna Ball

The Gospel of Matthew Series

August 11 – "Following the Healer" (Matthew 4:18-25) Pastor John Heston

New Series: Sermon on the Mount

August 18 – September 29

Worship and Serve God Alone

Matthew 4:8-11

July 21, 2024 Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

Matthew 4:8-11

⁸ Again, the devil *took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; ⁹ and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus *said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY." ¹¹ Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and *began* to minister to Him.

What is an idol?

| 1. | Anything more |
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| | to you than God. |
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| 2. | Anything that absorbs your |
| | and imagination more than God. |
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| 3. | Anything you seek to give you what |
| | can give you. |

How do I know if I'm worshipping an idol?

| 1. | If life were to not feel worth | | | | | | |
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| | if I lost it. | | | | | | |
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| Why is idolatry so tempting? | | | | | | | |
| 1 | The temptation is to achieve | | | | | | |
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| | by worship of anything else besides | | | | | | |
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| What you gain by idolatry is almost always a half-truth | | | | | | | |
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| 2. | The temptation is to now. | | | | | | |
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Any momentary/immediate power, success, statues, satisfaction I gain by opposing God will eventually be lost forever

| 3. | The tem | ptation is to _ | | suffering. |
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God Uses Suffering to Save Us & Sanctify Us

Romans 5:3-8

³ And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; ⁵ and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.