



Pastor's Comments

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Read The Bible!

Every year we give Bible reading guides to our congregation and encourage everyone to read their Bibles through. This year, I decided a greater emphasis was needed and started a **Bible reading question time** in our morning worship service. This has sparked interest. Sometimes I “preach” the answers! I only have room to share two questions from last week.

Q. Just before the Israelites entered Canaan, God said they were to “drive out all the inhabitants of the land.” What was the **first thing** God told them to destroy?

A. God told them to “destroy all their **pictures**” (Num. 33:52). The word “**pictures**” here means “to be like, or resemble.” Anything that portrayed idolatry such as sculptured figures were to be destroyed! This certainly applies to TV and movies today, which often **picture** the occult in a positive light – not to speak of the fact that they constantly portray and glorify other sinful things like fornication, adultery, sodomy, etc. What we allow to pass through our eye gates will impact and influence our hearts. **If we read and focus on God’s Word, it will impact our hearts and birth passions for God!** On the other hand, **if we permit our eyes to peruse evil things, those things will birth desires for sin and draw our hearts away from God.** David said, “**I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me**” (Ps. 101:3).

Q. God fed the Israelites with manna for a greater reason than just to satisfy their physical hunger. What was that reason?

A. “And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna...**that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live**” (Deut. 8:3).

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