

## **THE DANGER OF WILL WORSHIP**

### **COLOSSIANS 2:20**

20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

### **COLOSSIANS 2:21**

21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

### **COLOSSIANS 2:22**

22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

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23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in **\*WILL** worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

**WILL:** ethelothreskeia {eth-el-oth-race-ki'-ah}  
worship which one prescribes and devises for himself, contrary to the contents and nature of faith which ought to be directed to Christ; said of the misdirected zeal and practices of ascetics

**Will-worship, signifies simply a mode of worship which a man chooses for himself, independently of the revelation which God has given.** The whole system of Deism is a worship founded in the will or thoughts of man, and not in the wisdom or will of God.

### **JEROBOAM**

### **I KINGS 12:26**

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:

### **I KINGS 12:27**

27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

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### **EXODUS 32:3**

3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.

### **EXODUS 32:4**

4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, **These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.**

### **EXODUS 32:5**

5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the **LORD.**

### **I KINGS 12:29**

29 And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.

### **GENESIS 28:16**

16 ¶ And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.

### **GENESIS 28:17**

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

### **GENESIS 28:18**

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

### **GENESIS 28:19**

19 And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

### **GENESIS 28:20**

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

### **GENESIS 28:21**

21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:

### **GENESIS 28:22**

22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

### **I KINGS 12:29**

29 And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.

### **I KINGS 12:30**

30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan.

### **I KINGS 12:31**

31 And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.

### **I KINGS 12:32**

32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.

### **I KINGS 12:33**

33 So **he offered** upon the altar which **he had made** in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month **which he had devised of his own heart**; and **ordained a feast** unto the children of Israel: and **he offered** upon the altar, and burnt incense.

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146.....Cain come out with Adam's first idea. And **made himself a religion** by pinning fig leaves, Adam did, over him and Eve. But they found out that it wasn't **God's appropriated way**, therefore they could not stand in His Presence.

And today we still use self-sufficiency. We use all the different ideas and vain philosophies of men, and it's absolutely of naught. Jesus said, "Men worship me, teaching for doctrine their traditions of men: worship in vain." **You could worship the Lord, and still not be worship in the right way. It would not be reckoned to you for reconciliation.....**

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246 Jesus said, "In vain they worship Me." They actually worship God. Cain actually worshiped God, in the beginning. "But in vain do they worship Me." **What's vain? "It don't do no good."**

247 They might say, "Well, I do this. I dance in the spirit. I, I speak in tongues. I, I prophesy. I preach the Gospel." But fail to let your hair grow out, fail on one thing, and see what happens, the Spirit will leave you right there. That's what's happened to our churches, failed.

248 "In vain, worshiping Me. Oh, it's a beautiful worship. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of man."

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40.....Jesus, God made flesh among us, said, "In vain do you worship Me." Now, He didn't say they didn't worship Him. They was worshiping Him, but in vain.

41 So anything in vain is of non-, no avail, **doesn't do no good**. You should never do it, because **you're just wasting your time. You're wasting your breath, you're wasting your efforts, until we come to know what we're doing.**

### **I CHRONICLES 13:1**

1 ¶ And David **consulted** with the **captains** of thousands and hundreds, and with **every leader**.

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50 Instead of asking **the source** that he should have asked, he consulted his captains, because he had just become king. And he followed that line of thinking, that, his chief captains and his great man.

51 Then he went into the church nominal and asked if they could have the revival. The priests, the scribes, the captains of thousands, the captains of hundreds, and he consulted them. "Was this the will of the Lord?" And they said it was. **But, you see, he failed to ask the main resource that God always deals through. See, he failed to get it.**

54 No matter how sincere, and what good motives, and what good objectives, and how people want those things and see the need of it, **there is a will of God to be carried out in these things.....**

55 No matter how much it's needed, how much everybody agrees that it's needed, how much that that is the Truth, there is yet one thing to find out. Is that the will of God?.....

### **I CHRONICLES 13:2**

2 And David said unto all **the congregation** of Israel, If it seem good unto **you**, and that it be of the LORD our God, let us send abroad unto our brethren everywhere, that are left in all the land of Israel, and with them also to the priests and Levites which are in their cities and suburbs, that they may gather themselves **unto us:**

### **I CHRONICLES 13:3**

3 And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul.

### **I CHRONICLES 13:4**

4 And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

### **PROVERBS 14:12**

12 ¶ There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

### **I CHRONICLES 13:5**

5 So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjathjearim.

### **I CHRONICLES 13:6**

6 And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, that is, to Kirjathjearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, that dwelleth between the cherubims, whose name is called on it.

### **I CHRONICLES 13:7**

7 And they carried the ark of God **in a new cart** out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drave the cart.

### **I SAMUEL 6:6**

6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

### **I SAMUEL 6:7**

7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

### **I SAMUEL 6:8**

8 And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go.

### **NUMBERS 4:15**

15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come **to bear it**: but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation.

### **DEUTERONOMY 10:8**

8 At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, **to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD**, to stand before the

LORD to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day.

### **JOSHUA 3:3**

3 And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and **the priests the Levites bearing it**, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it.

### **II SAMUEL 15:24**

24 ¶ And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites were with him, **bearing the ark of the covenant of God**: and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city.

### **NUMBERS 7:6**

6 And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites.

### **NUMBERS 7:7**

7 Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Gershon, according to their service:

### **NUMBERS 7:8**

8 And four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, according unto their service, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

### **NUMBERS 7:9**

9 But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none: because the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them was **that they should bear upon their shoulders**.

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90 That's the way David did it. He had it in his way, so he just said, "You know what I'll do? We're moving." He had a revelation. "We're moving now, so we'll do it a new way. The days of



miracles is passed, so we'll just make us another organization. We'll build a new cart, showing a new thing has started." What a false prophecy!

91 You've got to go back the way God said do it. **They put it upon the shoulders of the Levites, and that was over the heart. The ark, the Word, is not to be packed upon a new denomination, upon the theories of some man, but in the heart.**