

## Tuesday, June 21

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1. The act of bowing down to idols is fairly straightforward, but what does serving idols involve?
2. While we know that idols are not real, is there a genuine spiritual reality associated with them? (See Revelation 9:20)
3. As such, what kinds of things would that spiritual reality seek to lead us in as an act of worship to it? (See Revelation 9:21, I Peter 4:3)
4. In what way does this kind of living accompany the worship of idols in our own day?
5. In what way then does the worshiper end up being formed according to the image of what (or who) is worshiped?
6. What image are we supposed to be being formed according to? (See Colossians 3:5-10)

KTFK: our God / we worship / condemn.” / teaching us / us into / to do / them, by / the things / devils as / Idols form / says, “I

Song: “Oh, For a Closer Walk with God”

Prayer: “Lord, how terrifying and how clearly true it is that we become what we worship, and when we worship idols we become devils, plunging ourselves into greater and greater immorality and evil. Give us your Spirit that we might truly tear away all our idols and worship only you. Amen.”

## Wednesday, June 22

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1. What does it mean that God is a jealous God?
2. What is he jealous for? (See James 4:1-5)

3. Why is it a very good thing for us that God is jealous?
  - a. If God wasn't jealous for us, where would we be?
4. Is jealousy ever OK for us to be? When? (See II Corinthians 11:1-2)
5. Do we show this same kind of jealousy regarding the people of God today as Paul did?
6. How would we display this divine jealousy for his people?

KTFK: us from / for all / that keeps / our God / our adoration, / the power / The LORD / and this / damnation. / is jealous / is just

Song: “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Prayer: “Lord God, truly your jealousy is as perfect as the rest of your attributes, and you are perfectly jealous for us, your people. Thank you that you care when I wander. Thank you that you pursue me when I wander, and that you will do whatever is necessary to keep me for yourself. Amen.”

## Thursday, June 23

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1. What do you think it means that God visits the iniquity of the fathers on the children?
2. What might we call this?
3. How might this kind of thing manifest itself among a people?
4. Does this mean that God will never extend grace to them? How do we know from what he says here?
5. Does this teaching give us license to make determinations about the degree to which the judgments of God have come upon certain people groups?
6. What should our focus be on instead? (See Malachi 4:5-6)

KTFK: warning of / make us / that its / follow him / fall upon / Let the / the nearer. / the LORD / effect might / each hearer, / those who

Song: “Nearer Still Nearer”

Prayer: “Lord God, I hear your warning here. Help it to find its proper place in my heart that I might live as you desire me to live. Amen.”

## Friday, June 24

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1. Of what does this “steadfast love” consist in the lives of these blessed people?
2. Does this mean that all the generations of those who love God will be followers of God as well?
3. Is there any danger in being the recipients of the blessings of God that have come because of those who went before you?
4. What blessings of God do you enjoy from those who went before you?
5. What always happened to the people of God in scripture when they were blessed with much peace and prosperity?
6. What can we do to make sure that we do not lose sight of the love for God that brings these blessings?
7. To what degree are we people who could be described as those who “keep his commandments”?

KTFK: always love / keeping his / his hands. / those who / come behind / Let us / us may / him by / rest within / commands, that

Song: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Prayer: “Lord, help me never to so take for granted the blessings I have received that I forget to keep my eyes on you. Help me to be a willing and true worshiper of you throughout my life. Amen.”

## Saturday, June 25

Read the entire passage again and review the key thoughts from each day. Which did you find most important for you this week?

June 24 - Let us / always love / him by / keeping his / commands, that / those who / come behind / us may / rest within / his hands.

June 23 - Let the / warning of / the LORD / fall upon / each hearer, / that its / effect might / make us / those who / follow him / the nearer.

June 22 - The LORD / our God / is jealous / for all / our adoration, / and this / is just / the power / that keeps / us from / damnation.

June 21 - Idols form / us into / devils as / we worship / them, by / teaching us / to do / the things / our God / says, “I / condemn.”

June 20 - Idols are / a substitute / for what / we need / to find, / so let / us search / for God / instead and / heal the / restless mind.

## Family Worship 2022

June 20 - 25

Deuteronomy 5:8-10

Kids and Parents: See if you can unscramble the daily  
**KTFK - Key Thought for Kids** (Answers on back page)

## Monday, June 20

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1. What are idols?
2. Why do people gravitate toward having them?
3. What do people look to their idols for?
4. What do you think makes people fashion their idols in the form of other parts of creation: the sun, moon, stars, bulls, goats, etc.?
  - a. Why would they think these idols could supply what they need?
5. Why is this ironic, given the image that mankind was created in?
  - a. How does this further offend the honor of God when people bow down and worship idols in this fashion?
6. Why do you think idolatry of this type was so common throughout the ancient world?
7. Are there still people who bow down and worship idols in this way? Where? Who?
8. While this type of idolatry is not as common today as it was in the ancient world, does this mean that people no longer fashion idols for themselves?
  - a. What image or likeness do today’s idols tend to be fashioned in?

KTFK: us search / we need / restless mind. / for God / heal the / so let / for what / a substitute / instead and / Idols are / to find,

Song: “Give Us Clean Hands”

Prayer: “God, forgive me for seeking what you alone can give in the idols of my own creation. You alone are the living God. You alone can provide, protect, and bring peace. May I never look to any other being for what you alone can perfectly provide for me. Amen.”