

COG 67: Split Worship | What is Worship? Part 3

I. It's good to tear down the self-worship in your own life.

- Each of the kings did what was right in the sight of the Lord.
- If you want to start fixing the problem in your sphere of influence, you must start with you. Telling people to stop serving themselves for your own selfish benefit will never help anything.
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II. When you tear down your own self-worship, you make it easier for those around you to tear down their own.

- This is a sobering reminder that it's not a guarantee that our children will worship God when we do, but it's a huge help.
- But refusing to visit the High Places yourself isn't good enough.

III. You mustn't tolerate the self-worship in others.

- We don't know the king's motivation, but it may have very well been fear of the people, fear of revolt, fear of unrest.
- These kings likely were playing it safe.

IV. Tolerating another's self-worship is the same as *encouraging* them to worship themselves.

- When my children speak unkindly to each other in my presence, and I don't address it, I've given tacit permission for them to continue.
- It's just like Edmund Burke said, "*The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.*"
- Tolerating self-worship in your family members is the same as *encouraging* them to worship themselves.

V. We must not be content to allow our fellow disciples to continue in their self-worship.

- They're worshipping an anti-god, and it will end in their destruction. We need to love our family enough to do whatever it takes to protect them spiritually.
- However, removing a physical High Place is not the same as removing self-worship from your children's hearts. The metaphor is breaking down a little because true idolatry is not worshipping an idol, it's worshipping self via the idol. And even if the idol is removed, self-worship can still continue.

VI. Our disciples are going to need loving guidance to remove their self-worship.

- Left to themselves will naturally and easily worship themselves. They will talk and act and feel and desire and believe things in line with what feels good to them and "benefits" them in the sort term.
- We all need spiritual people to be God's Ambassador in our lives, to come alongside us, Educate us, Interpret life for us, Counsel us, and Train us.
- We all need someone to introduce us to God and His Word, and that's how God designed the family to work.

I Kings 15:9-14; I Kings 15:14; I Kings 22:43; II Kings 12:2-3; II Kings 14:3-4; II Kings 15:3-4; II Kings 15:34-35; II Kings 16:3-4; II Kings 21:2-7 II Chronicles 14:2-5; II Chronicles 15:17; II Chronicles 17:1-9; II Chronicles 20:33; II Chronicles 21:11; Romans 10:14

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