





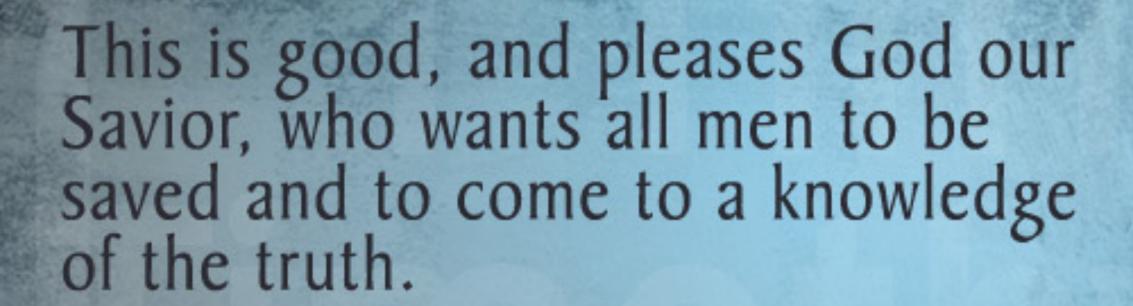
even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

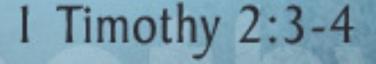
Ephesians 1:4–5

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Philippians 2:12-13(NKJV)

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.







The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

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We must determine within ourselves to follow Him!

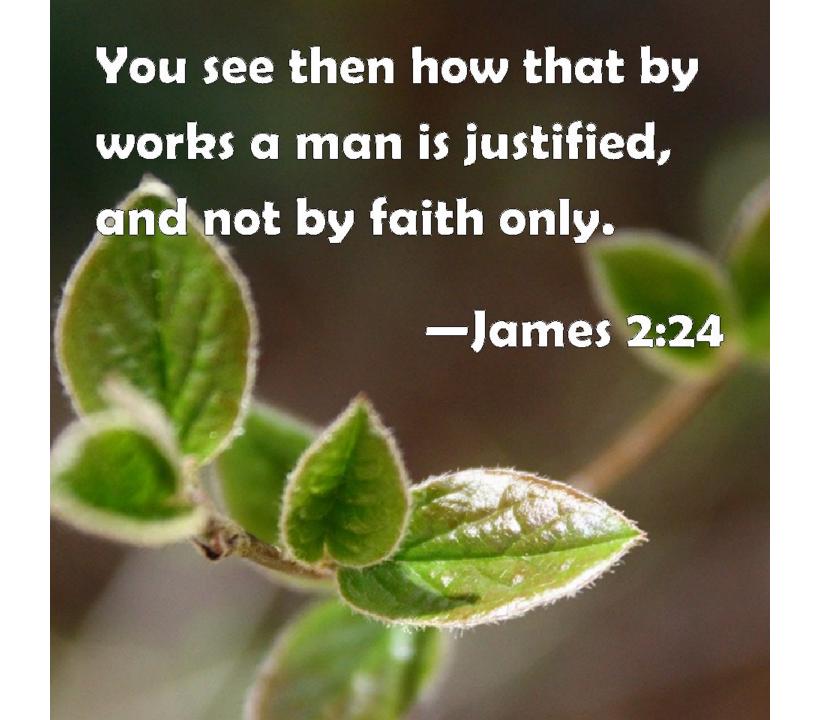


And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and

TAKE UP HIS CROSS DAILY AND FOLLOW ME."

Luke 9:23





You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

Galatians 5:4 ESV



That means we must lay aside the idols that pull us away from God?



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us

run with endurance

the race that is set before us.

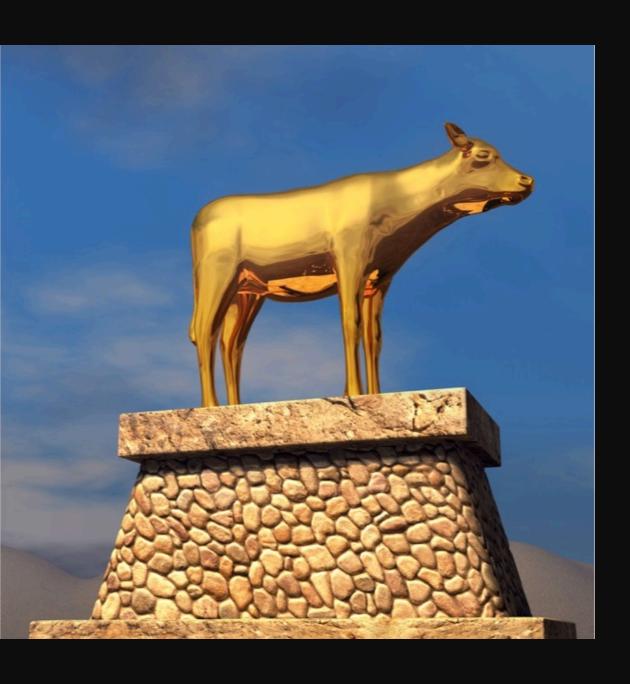
HEBREWS 12:1



ISAIAH 44:15

Then it shall be for a man to burn, For he will take some of it and warm himself; Yes, he kindles it and bakes bread; Indeed he makes a god and worships it; He makes it a carved image, and falls down to it.

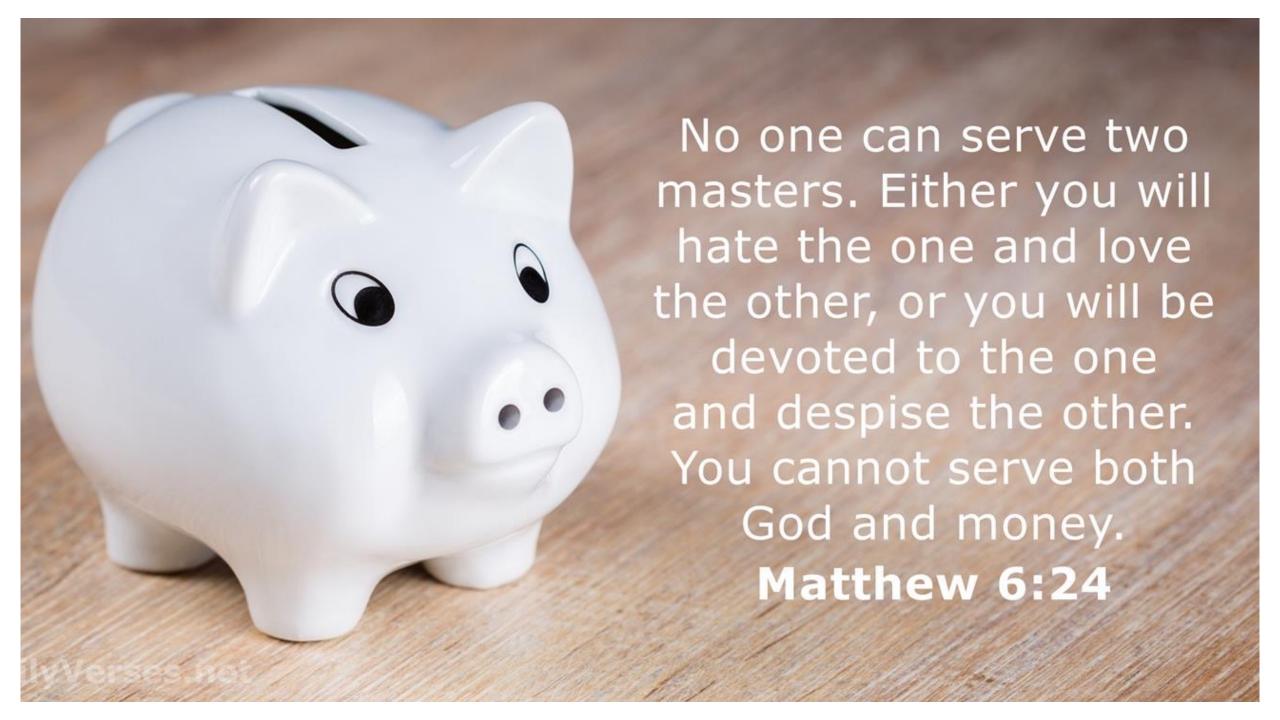
Prophet notes the absurdity. Pine tree planted, and used for warmth, then the same wood is fashioned into a god, an worshipped.



What are some the idols worshipped today?

- Careers
- Bank Accounts
- Children
- Favorite Sports Team
- Hobbies
- Vehicles

- Friends
- Entertainment
- Celebrities
- Pets
- The Past



The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

Acts 17:30 ESV



Have you given up your idols?

