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35 – Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places

The Book of Revelation describes Babylon as a harlot. There is a lot more to spiritual harlotry than wrong doctrine. It is quite possible to cling to doctrinal truths while at the same time being blind to how we seek to fill our cups from sources that do not satisfy. One of the sins of Babylon is spiritual identity theft, trying to discover an identity in something we do, rather than accepting the identity, which God has already given us in creation and redemption.

Author Brennan Manning describes our pursuit for identity this way: *“If I must seek an identity outside of myself, then the accumulation of wealth, power, and honors allures me... When belonging to an elite group eclipses the love of God, when I draw life and meaning from any source other than my beloved-ness, I am spiritually dead. When God gets relegated to second place behind any bauble or trinket, I have swapped the pearl of great price for painted fragments of glass.”*

The Book of James speaks about the close relationship between idolatry and spiritual adultery. *“Ye adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God”* (James 4:4). Idolatry is when anyone gets more glory than Jesus Christ. Idolatry is seeking to fill our love cup from sources other than the God who created us. Idolatry, spiritual adultery, can be as common as depending on other people for the strokes we think will nurture us.

“Look at your life and see how you have filled its emptiness with people. As a result they have a strangle hold on you. See how they control your behavior by their approval and disapproval. They hold the power to ease your loneliness with their company, to send your spirits soaring with their praise, to bring you down to the depths with their criticism and rejection. Take a look at yourself spending almost every waking moment of your day placating and pleasing people. You live by their norms, conform to their standards, seek their company, desire their love, dread their ridicule, long for their applause, meekly submit to the guilt they lay on you; you are terrified to go against the fashion in the way you dress or speak or act or even think. And observe how even when you control them you depend on

them and are enslaved by them. People have become so much a part of your being that you cannot even imagine living a life that is unaffected or uncontrolled by them.” (Anthony DeMello).

Babylon-living is all about self. It is taking pride in our own accomplishments of making of name for ourselves. Idolatry breaks the heart of God. He is a jealous God who passionately yearns for our undivided love and loyalty. He jealousy is not based on fear of competition from other gods (for there are none), but because He as the Infinite Lover knows all about how we damage ourselves by looking for love in the wrong place.

Because *“the last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love”* (*Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 415), we ourselves must personally know and experience this love to powerfully attract others to Him.

Christian author Marie Chapian writes about the utter necessity of love for each one of us *“To be loved is God’s foundational gift to us through Christ Jesus As a Christian person your self-concept is wrapped up in God. The Lord says you have worth and beauty and intrinsic value; His opinions are the ones that count. You need to hear and respond to Him. If you are made happier because of what you have, make certain you could be just as happy with who you are and without what you have.”*

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