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Today's Message: Unsustainable

Today's Text: I Kings 11:1-8

"Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, ²from the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the people of Israel, 'You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods.' Solomon clung to these in love. ³He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. ⁴For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father. ⁵For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. ⁶So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and did not wholly follow the Lord, as David his father had done. ⁷Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem. ⁸And so he did for all his foreign wives, who made offerings and sacrificed to their gods."

Solomon did evil in the eyes of the Lord, which led to an "Under The Sun only" worldview.

Under the Sun (only)

Epicureanism:

the pursuit of pleasure and avoidance of pain in a socially acceptable fashion.

"god" is undefinable...

the ultimate reality of God is undefinable (because of multiple 'gods'); therefore His presence is not joyfully binding.

Under The Sun only worldview

1. If there are many 'gods' then there is no ultimate definition of God.
2. Embrace a 'god' that will meet my perceived needs (selecting from a multiplicity of choices). See John 6:66-69.
3. There is no ultimate truth because multiple 'gods' have spoken.

Biblical Worldview

1. *"There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe."* Baptist Faith & Message, article 2.
2. God eternally exists, and the glorification/worship of God and human flourishing are inexplicably intertwined.
3. The One and Only Living God has spoken, and ultimately revealed Himself in the person of Jesus Christ.

THE BIG STORY

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."
Galatians 4:4-7

The Exclusivity of Christ

1. Courage.
 2. Humility. (2 Timothy 2:24-26, Matthew 7:3-4)
 3. The Team Spirit/Intentionality (Joyful Sacrifice).
- *Participate in the Lottie Moon World Missions Offering (100% of worshipers).*
 - *Use hospitality to reach out to an unchurched friend or...*
 - *Speak the name of Jesus to an individual in the context of relaying the message of the incarnation of Christ.*

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: December 2-January 27

Lottie Diggs Moon, 1840-1912. (Served in China from 1873-1912.)