

Worship the One True God
Psalm 135:1-5
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Thesis: I want to the faults in following after the idols of man.

Intro: 1. Idols come in all shapes and forms.
2. The One True God however, only comes in one size and is not created by man.

I. The One True God (v.1-14, 19-21)

A. Who Should Worship Him? (v.1-2,19-21)

1. Everyone, but especially those who minister in the Temple (v.1-2)
2. All are to worship God. (v.19-21)

B. Why should we worship Him? (v.3-14)

1. Because of who He is (v.3,5-7)
 - a. He is great (v.3,5): His name should be celebrated
 - b. He is sovereign (v.6): He does whatever pleases Him.
 - c. He is creative (v.7): He controls clouds, lightning, winds, and rain.
2. Because of what He does (v.4,8-14)
 - a. He chose Israel as His special treasure (v.4)
 - b. He delivered Israel from Egypt (v.8-9)
 - c. He gave Israel its inheritance (v.10-12): He destroyed the kings in Canaan to give the Israelites their land.
 - d. He loves Israel (v.13-14): He vindicates and has compassion on His people.

II. The Many False Gods (v.15-18)

A. They are made by mortals out of silver and gold (v.15)

- a. Mankind's idols today come in the form of electronics, automobiles, and the idol worship of worldly people (**Pro 24:1**)

B. They are made like mortals (v.18)

- a. Mankind's idols are not eternal, the last only as long as man exists.

C. They have mouths, eyes, ears, and noses, but cannot speak, see, hear, or smell (v.16-17)

- a. Those who promote evil today have mouths, **but nothing beneficial to say**
- b. Those who promote evil today have eyes **but encourage lust and the desire to look upon uncleanness.**
- c. Those who promote evil today have ears **but encourage listening to wickedness and foulness.**
- d. Those who promote evil today have noses **but seem to only sniff out ways to do evil and wickedness.**
- e. **Psalm 115:5-7**, idols are temporary, they will come to nothing, in **Ps 115:8** we are reminded the same fate waits for those who trust in them.

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. Why worship God...

1. because God is real.
2. because God is loving and caring.

3. because God is always present for those who follow Him.

B. Reasons to not follow after idols...

1. because they are full of hypocrisy.
2. because they are self-serving.
3. because they lack true concern for others.
4. because they will fail you.

Application & Conclusion:

1. The wise will trust in God and not in idols of man (**Ps 115:5-8, 9-13**)
2. The logical answer, the Biblical answer, the only answer is to trust in God (**Ps 135:5**)
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9