

Which Star are You Worshiping?

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I was reading one of the monthly newsletters I subscribe to one day, and I noticed the author made a comparison of successful Christian leaders to that of stars, worldly entertainers, actors, and singers. The comparison contrasted the stars' level of living and achievement as something Christians dream about and want to achieve.

After reading the article and looking around at the "so-called superstars" in the Body of Christ today, I concluded many Christians are star-struck by worldly stars. We know that Jesus Christ is the Superstar who walked the earth over 2000 years ago, was crucified, raised from the dead, and is ever living to make intercession for God's children.

In reading Job 38:7, we learn that angels are referred to as stars. The Bible tells us that we can entertain angels unaware. The Bible also speaks expressly and lets us know that we are not to worship angels.

Most often when we think of angel worship we envision the worship of statues, pictures, trinkets, and having a relationship with angels. Yes this is one form of angel worship, and I would like to suggest another. If angels are referred to as stars and we can entertain people that are angels without our awareness, then perhaps the worship of perceived Christian and worldly "stars" is worshipping angels. Presenting it this way, "How many people do you know who worship angels?"

"How many people do you know who have turned people into idols to be worshipped? It is so easy to become so intimate with mankind that we turn them into idols. We have to be so careful that our intimacy with people or spirits doesn't turn into idolatry. "With spirits," you ask? Yes, with spirits as mankind did in the very first mention of idolatry in Genesis 6:1 when mankind had sex with the angels. What angel (minister) are you having sex or becoming too intimate with? You know our God is jealous. His name is jealous, and He won't share us with anyone. Whose ministry intimacy supersedes your intimacy with God? Let me say it this way. You shouldn't be more familiar with all the names of a so-called famous minister's books, CD's, and messages over and above the divine things God births in you through your intimacy with Him.

We know there is nothing new under the sun; therefore, worshipping stars or angels obviously did not begin in the 21st century as we learn in Genesis 6. Another scripture in Isaiah 14:12-13 shows us this type of worship also. Satan said that he would raise his throne above the stars of God in the 13th verse. What is he really saying here? There are many things he was saying in

this passage of scripture, but in the context of this writing he was saying my stars will be worshiped above the stars of God. He is also saying the stars of God will worship my stars. Isn't this just like Satan? We all know that he wants us to worship him or anything instead of God. This is the age-old trick that caused one-third of the angels to follow his warped leadership.

As children of God, our lifestyles should be the enviable ones, not vice versa. In Matthew 5, the Amplified version, we learn we are blessed and to be envied, not Satan's kids. We are children of the bright and morning star, Jesus Christ. We have righteousness, peace, joy, love, kindness, victory, and so much more than a "worldly lifestyle" of materialism. As Christians, the pride of life, lust of the flesh, and love of the world are our enemies. So if you have not reached "star status" yet in your church, ministry, or career, be thankful. God is protecting you from worshiping another star.

If you have reached "star status" and realize worshiping stars is empty, and hollow, repent and return to His embrace. Do not be deceived by stuff. Our relationship with God is the most precious gem we can ever acquire and protect. In fact, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a pearl of great price.

In closing, I want to leave you with this. In charismatic circles, we often refer to our pastors and shepherds as "the angel of the house." I believe this saying is derived from Revelation 1:20. The word angel indeed means messenger, and throughout the book of Revelation it is referring to supernatural angels, not human beings. All angels have a charge. Some have a charge of elements, such as fire or water. The angels of Revelation 1:20 are superintendants over local assemblies of whatever is praiseworthy and whatever needs to be censured. These are also attributed to the praise or blame of the assigned angel. So, the next time we begin to worship the angel of the house remember neither angels nor people are worthy of our worship. Even the ministers in our life who help us to please God merely light the path to the "the light of the world." Jesus Christ superstar is the only star worthy of our worship.

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