



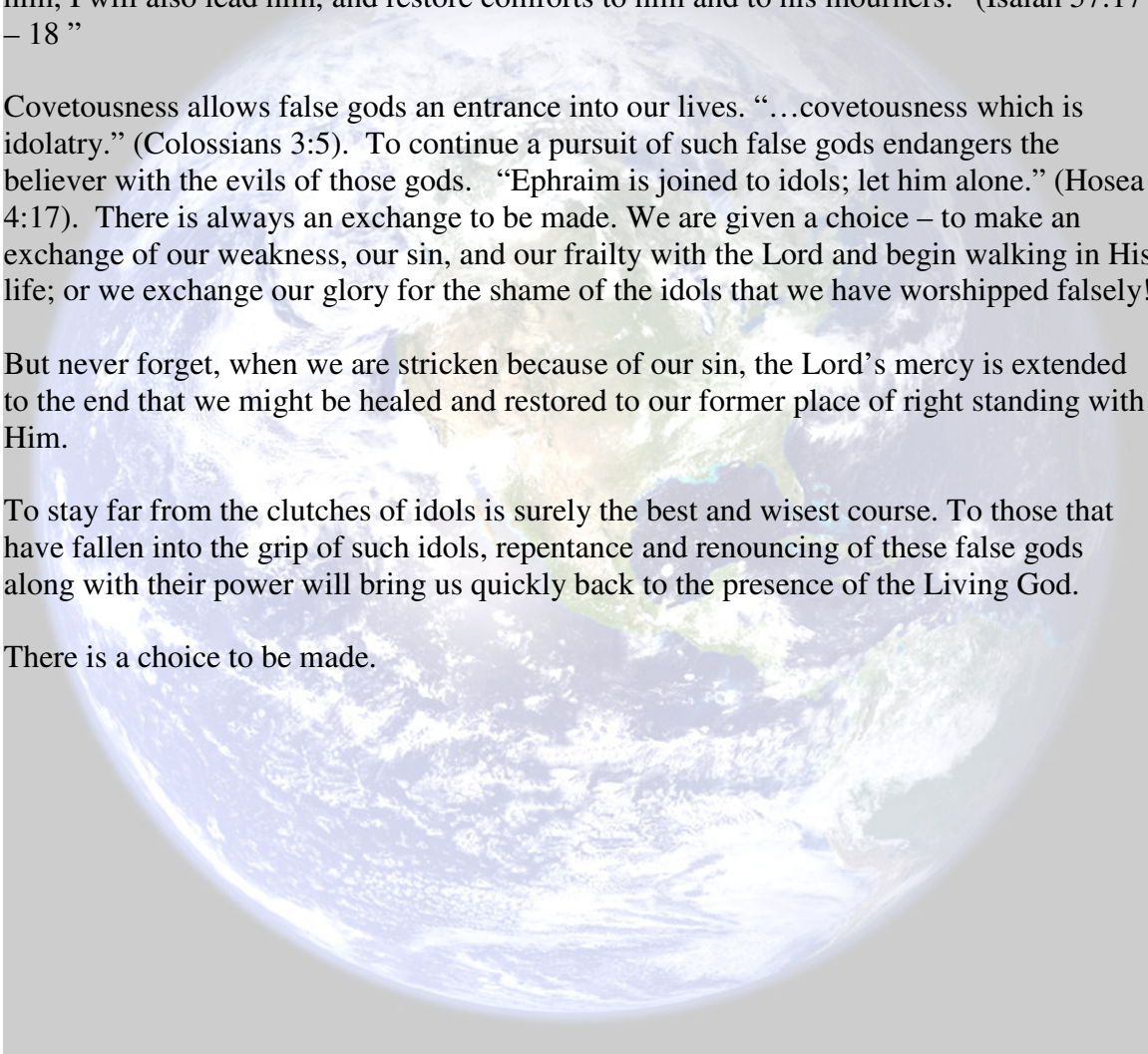
“For the iniquity of his covetousness I was angry and struck him. I hid and was angry, and he went on backsliding in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways and I will heal him, I will also lead him, and restore comforts to him and to his mourners.” (Isaiah 57:17 – 18 ”

Covetousness allows false gods an entrance into our lives. “...covetousness which is idolatry.” (Colossians 3:5). To continue a pursuit of such false gods endangers the believer with the evils of those gods. “Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone.” (Hosea 4:17). There is always an exchange to be made. We are given a choice – to make an exchange of our weakness, our sin, and our frailty with the Lord and begin walking in His life; or we exchange our glory for the shame of the idols that we have worshipped falsely!

But never forget, when we are stricken because of our sin, the Lord’s mercy is extended to the end that we might be healed and restored to our former place of right standing with Him.

To stay far from the clutches of idols is surely the best and wisest course. To those that have fallen into the grip of such idols, repentance and renouncing of these false gods along with their power will bring us quickly back to the presence of the Living God.

There is a choice to be made.



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