



“When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt.”
– Matthew 2:14

The Wise Flee from Evil

1ST SUNDAY OF TUBAH

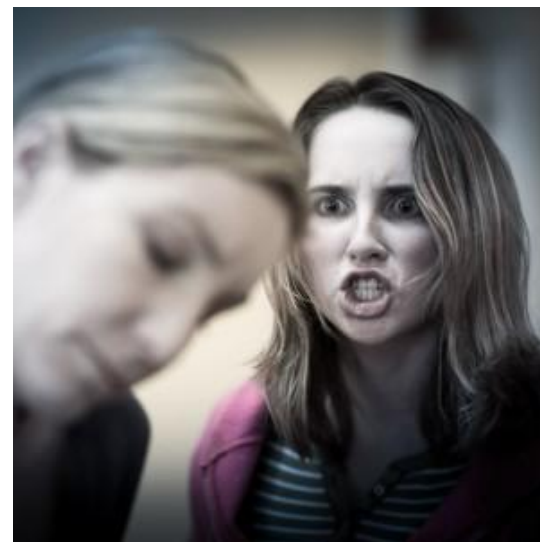
1. Sexual Immorality

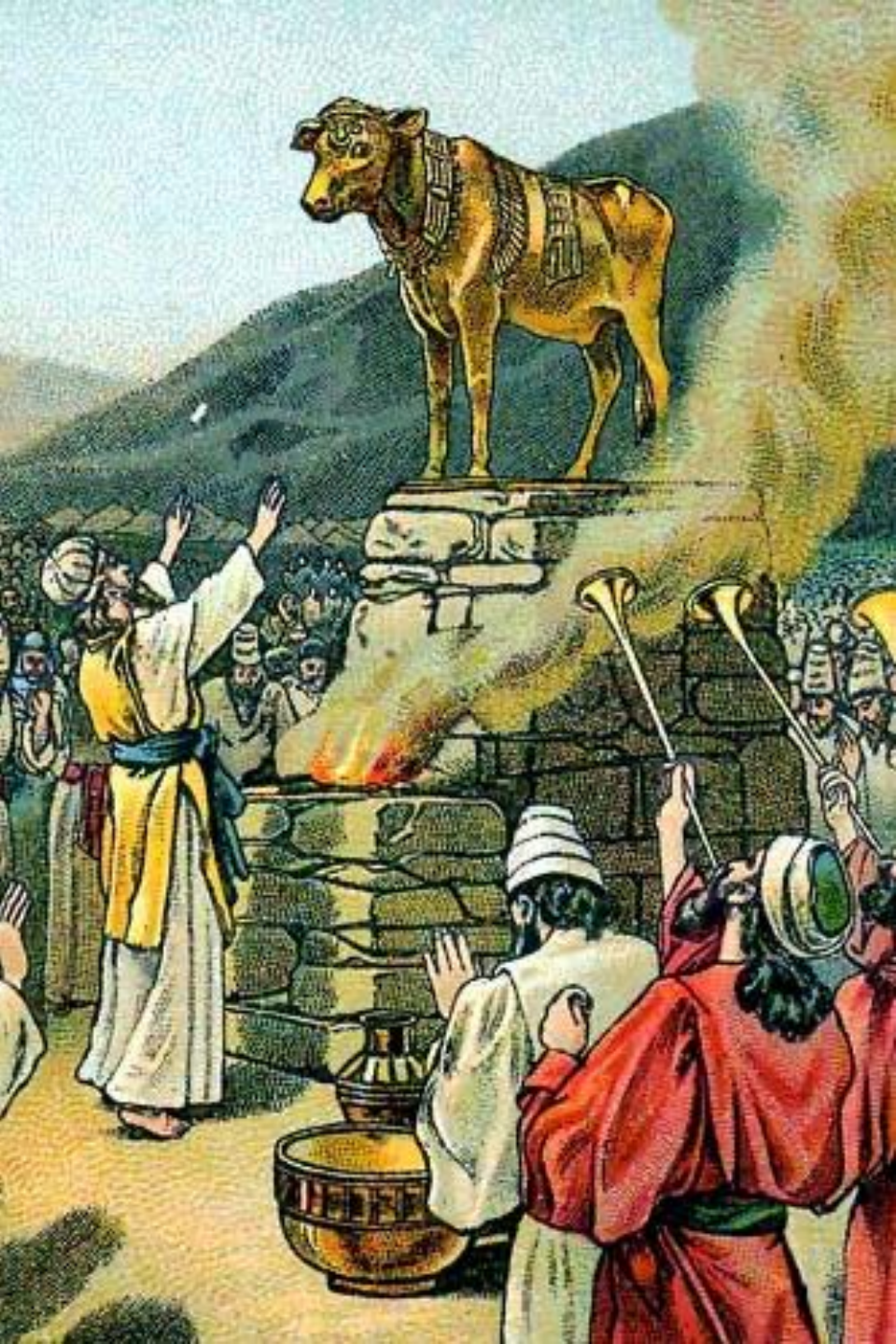


- ▶ “Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.” (1 Corinthians 6:18)
- ▶ ***“The demon of sexual immorality stirs up bodily desire and launches its attack on ascetics, striving to make them abandon their asceticism, planting in their souls that their asceticism is of no benefit.” (St. Evagrius)***
- ▶ Never negotiation or test its boundaries
- ▶ “Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned?” (Proverbs 6:27)

2. Youthful Passions

- ▶ **“Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”** (2 Timothy 2:22)
- ▶ Never flee into emptiness, but towards righteousness
- ▶ *“Every time a man commits a sin, he forges a chain for himself; and each time he repeats it, he adds another link, until at last he is bound hand and foot.”* (Abba Dorotheus)





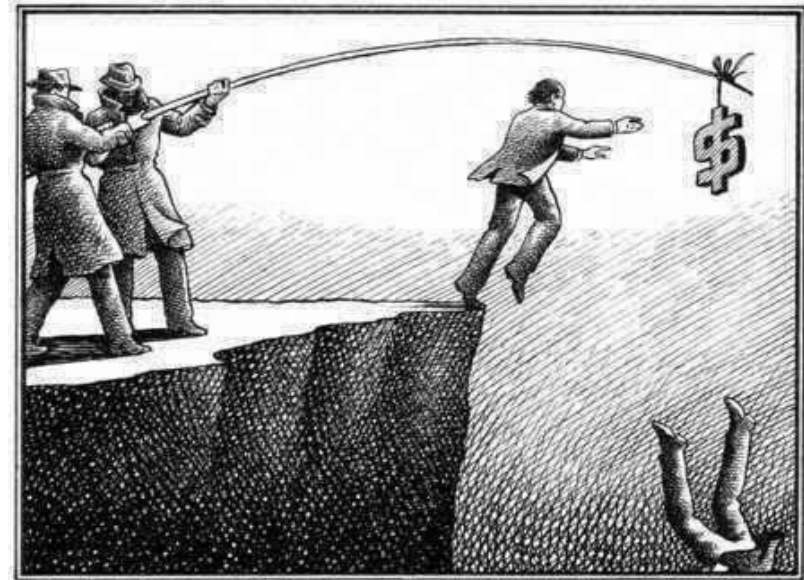
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Idolatry

- ▶ **“Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.”** (1 Corinthians 10:14)
- ▶ Idols do not demand denial of God — only divided loyalty

4. Love of Money

- ▶ **“But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.”**
(1 Timothy 6:9–11)





Advice from the Wise

1. If Danger Is Perceived — Flee

- ▶ **“A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished.”** (Proverbs 22:3)
- ▶ **“Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, Do not stray into her paths; For she has cast down many wounded, And all who were slain by her were strong men.”** (Proverbs 7:25-26)

2. Avoid the Path, Do Not Test It

- ▶ **“Do not enter the path of the wicked, And do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on. For they do not sleep unless they have done evil; And their sleep is taken away unless they make someone fall.”**
(Proverbs 4:14–16)
- ▶ **“Can a man take fire to his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?”** (Proverbs 6:27)

3. Hate Evil

- ▶ **“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil.”** (Proverbs 8:13)
- ▶ How do we grow to hate evil?
 1. See its end
 2. Name it honestly
 3. Compare it to Christ
 4. Limit exposure
 5. Surround yourself with light

Fleeing Is the Path to Life

Fleeing

- Sexual Immorality
- Youthful Passions
- Idolatry
- Love of Money

Advice

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