

# The Prophetic Imagination

## Empty Cisterns

### SERMON SUMMARY

Behind every sin lies a false god or idol. We should reflect on our disappointments, complaints, sacrifices, and fears to help reveal the idols in our lives. We can replace false gods/idols with fostering our devotion and love for the one true God.

### KEY VERSES

Jeremiah 2:13

### SERMON NOTES LINK

<https://bible.com/events/49400256>



### DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Read Isaiah 44:9-20. How do the prophets define idols in the Old Testament?
2. Idolatry involves worshipping something other than God and this is where sin often stems from. What does it mean that behind every sin is a false god or idol? Can you think of examples? Consider verses like Exodus 20:3 and Colossians 3:5.
3. Read Matthew 6:9-13. How does Jesus' prayer teach us to desire rightly? How is this an antidote to idols?
4. Read Psalm 42:5. What ongoing disappointments and fears have you experienced in your life? Do these reveal anything about your priorities?
5. Read Philippians 2:14. What do you tend to complain about? Do these complaints reveal potential idols at war within you?
6. Read Matthew 6:21. What do you sacrifice your time and money for, and what does this reveal about your priorities?
7. Read Luke 14:26. How can good things become idols in our lives?
8. How can we replace false gods in our lives?

### PRAYER EXERCISE

Spend a few minutes in silence, asking God to reveal any idols in your life.

Reflect on what you desire most and what you fear.

Pray for God's strength to replace these idols with a deeper love and devotion to Him.

End the prayer by reading God's promise to Israel in Ezekiel 36:24-26.