

# American Idol

## Gen 31:11-35

Story – American Idol... Row of Judges, people bow down their talents  
All for the praise of \_\_\_\_\_?

What is an idol... Anything you love, serve, cherish, adore.  
Job, House, Money, Prestige, Clothes, Jewelry... All to seek praise of men.

Over 15 Hebrew terms are used of idols:

“a likeness, a form, a representation, an appearance, a human construction”

More descriptive terms portray an idol as:

“a nothingness, a falsehood, a shameful thing, an abomination, helpless, log”

### 1. STOLEN IMAGES

*Gen 31:19 And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the images that were her father's.*

Where is your God?

No power... god cannot protect himself.

Elijah – Prophets of Baal... cry louder, wake him up.

*1Kings 18:25-29 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.*

*And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.*

*And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.*

*And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.*

Richmond – 105 degree temp, where is your God when you need Him?

### 2. SAT UPON IMAGES

*Gen 31:34 Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found them not.*

How big is your God? He is so small that you could actually lose him?

Carve imagine out wood, stone...put it in a blanket and call it God?

*Psa 115:4-8 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.*

*They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:*

*They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:*

*They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.*

*They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.*

Job – God said consider Leviathon, pet to me.

Moses – People are prone to return to their idols

*Exod 32:3-4 And all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.*

*And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.*

How big is your god? He cannot protect you?

War 1812 – Burned White House..Hurricane, Tornado can undo what man has made

### **3. SEARCH FOR IMAGES**

*Gen 31:35 And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched, but found not the images.*

Why can your god not be found?

Invest in this world, this world will let you down.

“I am” was there all the time

*Gen 31:13 I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.*

True, living God is available now waiting for you to call out to Him.

False gods are never around when you need them.

Story – Bro. Peters trusting God, going into full time missions

His uncle mocked him, “you’ll never make it, don’t come to me when you have lost everything”

His uncle lost his health right before he retired, then lost his job, then lost his insurance.

What he thought would be a comfortable next egg is now all gone, he is broke.

God is still taking care of Bro. Peters just like he said he would