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c. We become blind and deaf to God.

*Isa. 42:18 Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see! <sup>19</sup> Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one in covenant with me, blind like the servant of the LORD? <sup>20</sup> You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen.”*

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**The loss of meaning = L\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Habakkuk 2:18 “Of what value is an idol carved by a craftsman? Or an image that teaches lies? For the one who makes it trusts in his own creation; he makes idols that cannot speak.*

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<sup>19</sup> *Woe to him who says to wood, ‘Come to life!’ Or to lifeless stone, ‘Wake up!’ Can it give guidance? It is covered with gold and silver; there is no breath in it.”*

<sup>20</sup> *The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.*

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*Psalm 94:9 Does he who fashioned the ear not hear? Does he who formed the eye not see? <sup>10</sup> Does he who disciplines nations not punish? Does he who teaches mankind lack knowledge?*

<sup>11</sup> *The LORD knows all human plans; he knows that they are futile.*

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Key: Pg 1: empty; Pg 3: futile; shame; Pg. 4: blind; Lifeless.

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## Becoming Like What We Worship

The Loss of Meaning and the Problem of Idolatry: part 3

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Isaiah 6

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We become as lifeless and e\_\_\_\_\_ as the idols we worship.

### The holiness of God (Isa. 6:1-4)

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*Isaiah 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another:*

*“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”*

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<sup>4</sup> *At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.*

### Isaiah’s unholiness is forgiven (Isa. 6:5-7)

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*Isaiah 6:5 “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”*

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<sup>6</sup> *Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.*

<sup>7</sup> *With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”*

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## Isaiah 6:8-13

Isaiah 6:5 and I live among a people of unclean lips...

Luke 6:45 The good man, out of the treasure of his heart speaks good things, while the evil man out of his hearts speaks evil, for out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.

## Isaiah's commission (Isa. 6:8-10)

Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

## Isaiah 6:9-10: Judgment for idolatry

Isaiah 6:9 He said, "Go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving."

<sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."

## The expected effects (Isa. 6:11-13)

Isaiah 6:11 Then I said, "For how long, Lord?"

And he answered: "Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged, <sup>12</sup> until the LORD has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken. <sup>13</sup> And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land."

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## What drives idolatry in the human heart?

Isaiah 2:8 They worship the work of their hands.

Psalm 115:4 But their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands. <sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see. <sup>6</sup> They have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but cannot smell. <sup>7</sup> They have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but cannot walk, nor can they utter a sound with their throats. <sup>8</sup> Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.

Zech. 4:6 ...Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord of Hosts.

Isaiah 44:20 ...a deluded heart misleads him; he cannot save himself, or say, "Is not this thing in my right hand a lie?"

## Consequences of idolatry

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a. Idolatry is f\_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah 44:9 All who make idols are nothing, and the things they treasure are worthless.

b. Idolatry will bring s\_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah 42:17 But those who trust in idols, who say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame.

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