

THE BANKRUPTCY OF IDOLATRY

Habakkuk 2:18-20

I. THE CONFUSION FROM IDOLATRY (v. 18)

- A. Can An Idol Instruct Its Maker?—*a teacher of lies*
- B. Can An Idol Help Its Maker?—*That the maker of its mold should trust in it...*

II. THE CONSEQUENCES IN IDOLATRY (v. 19)

- A. The Delusion of False Guidance (v. 19a)—*Arise! It shall teach!*
- B. The Deception of False Glory (v. 19b)—*Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, Yet in it there is no breath at all.*

III. THE CONTRAST TO IDOLATRY (v. 20)

- A. His Sovereignty (v. 20a)—*But the LORD is in His holy temple.*
- B. His Authority (v. 20b)—*Let all the earth keep silent before Him.*

IDOL-SEARCHING QUESTIONS:

1. To what am I totally dedicated?
2. What do I pursue with passion and enthusiasm? By contrast, what am I pursuing with apathy, dullness, and mere duty?

3. What do I talk about all the time?
4. What do I really treasure?
5. What do I think will satisfy me, if I achieve it or possess it?