

Date: August 16, 2020
Message: **"FLEE FROM IDOLS AND FIND TRUE JOY IN GOD"**
Text: Selected Verses
Speaker: Steve Balvanz

"What is the chief end of man? The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." (Westminster Catechism)

God's command to love Him supremely is His means of blessing us infinitely.

"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him." (John Piper)

"Getting to know God does not mean the renunciation of our joy, but rather the fulfillment of it...pursue the wrong pleasures and you get nothing; pursue God and you get it all." (Erwin Lutzer)

"The man who has God as his treasure has all things in One." (A.W. Tozer)
"He who has God and everything else, does not have more than he who has God only."

"Our souls are restless until they find their rest in Thee." (Augustine)

An idol is anything that usurps the supremacy of our affection and obedience away from God.

"Our hearts are perpetual idol factories." (John Calvin)

"If God had told me some time ago that He was about to make me as happy as I could be in this world, and then had told me that He should begin by crippling me in all my limbs, and removing me from all my usual sources of enjoyment, I should have thought it a very strange mode of accomplishing His purpose. And yet, how is His wisdom manifest even in this! For if you should see a man shut up in a closed room, idolizing a set of lamps and rejoicing in their light, and you wished to make him truly happy, you would begin by blowing out all his lamps; and then throw open the shutters to let in the light of heaven."
(Samuel Rutherford)

Prayer: "O God, when in your great mercy, you blow out my lamps, help me not to curse the wind."

How does God throw open the shutters to let in the light of heaven?

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