

"They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee." Deuteronomy 32:17-18

What do you sacrifice and for what? Time is our most precious commodity and we fritter it away in pursuit of wealth and pleasure. We tell ourselves it's to help our



loved ones and yet, Jesus admonished us that if we love family more than Him we are not worthy of Him. He didn't imply that we are to not love our family, rather, that our love for God should be so great that all other love is hate by comparison. Isn't that the first Commandment? "...thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." If you have given "all," what is left? We are, indeed, all unworthy, but some of us have gone so far as to forget the God of our salvation, or at the very least, pay little attention. What is it that sits on the throne of our heart in God's place? What occupies our thoughts? What motivates our actions? Something as simple as giving thanks over our food has been cast away. Oh, I'm not talking about the family meal. I'm talking about the mid-morning snack, or the afternoon coffee-break. Are we embarrassed of our God, or is something else our "god?" Have we forgotten that without His blessing we could not hope to survive? Think of it this way; If God blesses your food, would it not negate anything harmful that it might contain? If God told Joshua that there is "good success," the reverse must also be true. I wonder, what would "bad success" be? Could it be having all the money and things you want, so you wouldn't have to depend on God at all? I wonder? Don't fret over your job or income. Do it "as unto the Lord" and He will "supply all your needs." Or, is it that we "want" more than our "needs?"

The demon god, prosperity,
Cannot supply your family,
When death comes knocking at the door,
You'll find that you'll be needing more. ~CGP

Let's be mindful, and remember our Creator while there is time; before evil befalls us and we find our lips covered with curses instead of praise. Pursue God with your whole heart, soul, and mind. Seek "good success."

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;" Ecclesiastes 12:1