

# Idols of the Heart

## *Learning to Long for God Alone*

### **Lesson #8: “Longing for God”**

- Read Chapter Eight and answer the following questions from pages 123-139.

**Psalms 73:23-26** “Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand. **24** You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory. **25** Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. **26** My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

1. Why was Hannah’s desire for a son not an idol?
2. Why are our desires important for our study on idolatry?
3. What two questions must we ask regarding the desires of our hearts?
4. What does the New Testament say is the motivating factor in our behavior?
5. “... there are desires that are always sinful... Unlike \_\_\_\_\_ desires, the prominence of this desire doesn’t make the desire \_\_\_\_\_. This desire is \_\_\_\_\_ even if it’s only \_\_\_\_\_ of once in a while. It is \_\_\_\_\_ even if it is never acted upon. One who has this desire has \_\_\_\_\_ against God because he’s \_\_\_\_\_ what God has \_\_\_\_\_.”
6. Why are Christian’s the only ones with the capacity to have holy desires?

7. “Here lies the problem with our \_\_\_\_\_: Our hearts, the \_\_\_\_\_ from which all our sin flows, have \_\_\_\_\_ to be God-centered and have \_\_\_\_\_ self-centered. Rather than living life to \_\_\_\_\_ God for His glory, man \_\_\_\_\_ for his \_\_\_\_\_ glory...”
8. What two ways do we sinfully view our work?
9. How do we wrongfully see our rest and leisure?
10. Without Christ what happens to our desires?
11. What is our only hope to recover what we lost in the Fall?
12. How do we put to death sinful desires and create new holy desires?
13. What must we do to have our desires transformed?
14. As believers how are we to examine our desires to know if they are right?
15. How does God satisfy us?