



## **BEGUILING OF DEVOTED THINGS**

*And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, .... And*

The things that God gives us is not for ourselves, but it is unto Him; it is for His purpose. Whatever God may have given you—health, material, a good voice, some ability—they must be brought into His service, into His sanctuary. They are for His purpose. But notice how diabolically the powers of hell and darkness break into the psyche of the natural man!

*Exodus 32:*

*2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.*

*3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.*

*4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.*

The natural man easily gives in to the enemy's suggestions and that which is meant for the Lord is utilized by the enemy for his own purpose!

*let them make  
me a  
sanctuary;  
that I may  
dwell among  
them. Ex 25:  
1-8*

The enemy has broken into the midst of God's people time and time again!

Let's take just one example. Music is not something that man created. When God created man He gave man the ability to sing, but see how Satan uses music today! The enemy is using the musical talent and ability that God gave man to meet his own evil intentions and plans. How sad that is! I have observed how well people sing at home, but when they come to worship the Lord, they only move their lips; they don't sing unto the Lord. Beloved, what the Lord has given to man is not for man to use for his own purpose, but it is for His sanctuary; we need to remember that.

After I had come to the faith, I heard a message that left a deep impression upon me; it was deeply registered in my being. A preacher said that God had given us eyes that we may read the Word; but many could not read God's Word; many have to learn Braille language to read the Bible. We are given eyes and good eyesight to read His Word. God has given health that we may go to God's house. Yet again, how many people are not able to come to church and to our gatherings because they are bedridden due to some illness? Whatever God has given us, is meant for His sanctuary. The enemy, on the other hand, wants to take the things that God has given us, and use them for his own advantage and good. It would

be most inappropriate for us to use all our energy to satisfy or meet the enemy's purpose, yet so many believers are doing just that! The enemy persistently attempts to use things God has given us for his own purpose; he always tries to use God-given things for his own end. He always wants to break into our lives. If we are not sensitive, evil powers will easily find ways and means to gain easy access into our lives. Saints, let us not fail to see that behind many of the daily situations we face, there is a persistent breaking-in by evil powers and worldly spirits in order to gain some evil advantage for themselves. We clearly see that the powers of evil are vehemently against God's throne and against God having everything. Evil powers are prepared to pay any cost to take away the things that God desires from His people.

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