

WHY DID ISRAEL WANT TO WORSHIP IDOLS? / *Judges 2:10*

The temptation to follow false gods because of short-term benefits, good feelings, easy “rules,” or convenience was always present. But the benefits were deceptive because the gods were false. We worship God because he is the one and only true God.

Worshipping God

Long-range benefits
Gratification postponed
Morality required
High ethical standards demanded . . .
Neighbors’ sins disapproved
Unseen God worshiped
Unselfishness expected
Business relations hindered
Strict religious practices maintained . .

Changed life demanded
Ethical stand expected

Concern for others taught

Worshipping Idols

Short-range benefits
Self-gratification immediate
Sensuality approved
Low ethical standards tolerated
Neighbors’ sins approved
Visible idols worshiped
Selfishness condoned
Business relations improved
Religious practices loosely regulated

Changed life not demanded
Compromise and cooperation practiced

No concern for others expected