



Cultural Confusion

Jonathan Banning · Ezekiel 8:7–12 · Series: **The Heart of Parenting**

INTRODUCTION

- They worship Jehovah openly, but behind closed doors, they really do put their trust in idols.
- Who do you trust when it comes to how you parent and how you raise your kids?
- But who are you going to trust when those ideas clash? When the word of God clashes with the popular sentiment in our culture.

1 These Idols Lack the Integrity They Claim

Ezekiel 29:6–7; Psalm 12:6

- These idols lack the integrity that they claim to have.
- They're looking for likes and followers and recognition, which honestly, in many ways, is what the academics are looking for too.
- We should not treat those things as if they are on an even plane with the word of God.
- God's word has been tried in a furnace seven times. But the scientific things that people find in research, that process is susceptible to lying and cheating and scheming and falsification and political pressure.
- They have been only a staff made of reed to the hand of Israel.
- They trusted in you and you let them down. That's what happens when we trust in idols.

2 These Idols Do Not Lead to Good Outcomes

Proverbs 29:17; Proverbs 1:8–9

- You listen to these idols, you raise your kids that way. You're not gonna get happy, healthy, well adjusted kids who love you.
- What happens when you dwell on your feelings is it increases emotional distress, it increases anxiety, and it happens to be the hallmark of depression.
- If you want to feel good about yourself, go out and do something for someone.
- Turns out the best way to raise your kids is to exercise your authority in a loving way as a parent.
- Correct your son, and he will give you comfort.
- Hear my son, your father's instruction, do not forsake your mother's teaching.

3 These Idols Do Not Share Our Goals

Psalm 12:6

- They do not want the same thing for your kids that you want for your kids.
- We want our kids to become disciples of Jesus. That's our goal.
- The words of the Lord are pure words as silver tried in a furnace seven times.
- It was written to make them good disciples of Jesus so they can go to heaven when they die.

THE CHALLENGE

Let us put our faith in God and not in the idols of this world.

MY NOTES
