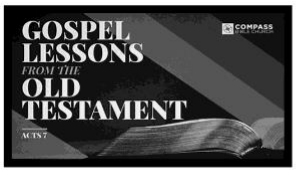

THE PAGANISM OF THE PEOPLE

ACTS 7:37-43

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1. Know _____ (vv.37-38)

2. Beware _____ (vv.39-41)

3. Consider _____ (vv.42-43)

Acts 7:37 *This is the Moses who said to the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers.'* ***38*** *This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers. He received living oracles to give to us.* ***39*** *Our fathers refused to obey him, but thrust him aside, and in their hearts they turned to Egypt,* ***40*** *saying to Aaron, 'Make for us gods who will go before us. As for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.'* ***41*** *And they made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and were rejoicing in the works of their hands.* ***42*** *But God turned away and gave them over to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets: " 'Did you bring to me slain beasts and sacrifices, during the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?* ***43*** *You took up the tent of Moloch and the star of your god Rephan, the images that you made to worship; and I will send you into exile beyond Babylon.'* *(ESV)*

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 119:33-40**. What are some of the most identifiable and challenging aspects of these descriptions of God's word and our relationship to it?

2. Read **Hebrews 1:1-4**. How can this passage motivate your passion for evangelism and deepen your concern for non-Christians?

3. Read **Jeremiah 2:10-19**. What does this passage do to help you see the folly of the idolatry in your life? What modern idols seek to entice you to compromise your love and loyalty to Christ?

4. Read **Hebrews 3:12-15**. What counsel would you give to a new "church goer" or new "professing Christian" based on the warnings of this passage?

5. Read **Ephesians 4:17-24**. What are some of the subtle ways we can slouch back into the "futile thinking" and "callousness" of our former way of life? What specific steps can you take to ensure that you ardently "renew your mind" each day?

This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule

February 28th
Num.21-23 & Mk.7:14-8:10
March 1st
Num.24-27 & Mk.8:11-38
March 2nd
Num.28-29 & Mk.9:1-29
March 3rd
Num.30-31& Mk.9:30-50
March 4th
Num.32-33 & Mk.10:1-31
March 5th
Num.34-36 & Mk.10:32-52
March 6th
Deut.1-2 & Mk.11:1-19
March 7th
Deut.3-4 & Mk.11:20-33

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 11-27 – ***The Centrality of Scripture & Expository Preaching***
Msg. 18-30 – ***The Ongoing Betrayal***
Msg. 13-30 – ***Apostasy & Stumbling Saints***
Msg. 14-42 – ***A New Year of Faithfulness in a World of Apostasy***
Msg. 18-24 – ***Pain & Temptation***
Msg. 11-15 – ***Making the Most of Daily Bible Study***
Msg. 14-18 – 14-24 ***Ears Up!*** (a seven-part series on receptivity to God's word)

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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