

Dagon Was Fallen Upon His Face

I. Introduction:

A. After Israel came up from Egypt, God told them to make an ark to be in the tabernacle (**Exodus 25:21-22**).

1. It was kept in the most holy place (**Exodus 26:34**).
2. Later, it was placed in the temple Solomon built (**I Kings 8:6**).

B. As they traveled, the ark was significant in battle (**Numbers 10:33-36**).

1. The enemies of Israel understood the significance of the ark in times of battle (**I Samuel 4:1-7**).
2. So, they took it (**I Samuel 4:8-11**) and thus the glory of God departed from Israel (**I Samuel 4:22**).
3. When you read **I Samuel 2-3**, such was not a time of faithfulness in Israel. When Israel was put to shame before their enemies, it was because they were unfaithful (**Leviticus 26:14-17**).

II. Body: **I Samuel 5:1-6:3**

A. Dagon was the god of the Philistines (**Judges 16:23**).

1. Dagon continued to be their god after being put to shame (**I Chronicles 10:1-10**).
2. Sadly, heathens were more faithful to their gods than Israel was to the true and living God (**Jeremiah 2:11**).

B. Shouldn't Israel have learned from the Philistines that other gods fall when put up against God (**Psalms 96:1-5**)?

1. They repented (**I Samuel 7:3-4**).
2. They defeated the Philistines (**I Samuel 7:7-13**); temporarily (**I Samuel 14:52**).
3. Yet, what Israel did not do was put idols behind them from that point forward (**I Kings 11:4**, **I Kings 12:25-29**, and **II Kings 17:7-12**).
4. God's request is pretty simple (**Exodus 20:3-6** and **Exodus 23:13**).

C. There is NONE like Him (**Isaiah 40:18-28**, **Isaiah 46:7-10**, and **Jeremiah 10:6**).

1. What if we set up the god, the idol of wealth (**Psalms 52:1-7** and **Proverbs 11:28**)?
2. What if we set up the god, the idol of flesh in trusting man (**Psalms 146:3-4**, **Proverbs 25:19**, and **Jeremiah 17:5**)?
3. What if we set up the god, the idol of falsehood (**Hosea 10:13**)?
4. What if we set up the god, the idol of following the masses (**Exodus 23:2** and **Proverbs 4:14-15**)?

III. Conclusion: If you set up other gods in your life, they too will fall on their face. Be smart (**Psalms 40:4**, **Psalms 146:5**, **Jeremiah 17:7-8**, and **I Timothy 6:17**)!