



## Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Unveiling the Hidden Gods (Rabbi Jonathan Cahn)

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

### Prayer

*"God, I thank you for your faithfulness. Father, align my desires with yours and break my heart for what breaks yours. As the world gets crazier I pray that I can continue to lean into you and learn from you. I thank you that Jesus is perfect theology and set an example that I can follow. Amen."*

### Message Theme

A Return To Acts

### Key Truths

***We live in an unprecedented time of turning away, things are being sold to us as normal that never should be.*** These kinds of things didn't just show up, they were seen in previous cultures.

In the Old Testament we saw Israel serve God, then turn away to worship false gods. Behind these false gods are evil spirits that continue to roam the earth. When Christianity took over as the official religion of the Roman empire, all the temples closed. Now we can see these spirits coming back into our culture. Examples can be seen in prayer being taken out of schools, the striking down of marriage, and the rise of abortion. If we are in a fight but don't know what we are fighting, chances are we won't win.

***We have to know what power we have. To know the origin of sin and temptation is to expose it and shut it down.***

There are three primary demonic spirits that are at work in the culture - known as the dark trinity (other spirits, or the pagan gods.)

1. Baal - this spirit seeks to control and possess. It desires to weaken the lordship of Jesus and convince us to just tolerate sin and not disagree like we should. It would like us to believe there are many truths. This was the spirit that turned Israel from God and into a pagan nation.
2. Asherah - (Ashtoreth or Ishtar) This spirit is called the enchantress. This is a spirit that confuses gender and merges them. This spirit seeks to strip masculinity from men and defeminize women. This brings in sexual immorality and tries to pull marriages apart. This spirit got an open door as prayer started getting removed from schools. God was being removed from the future of the nation.
3. Molech - This principality is called the destroyer. It caused parents to offer up their own children as

sacrifices and we can see it returning in our world today as abortion.

These spirits come in by simply being tolerated. Once they are in and established, everything changes. Then, these spirits move to cancel every voice of opposition. In 1 Corinthians it talks about the Israelites worshiping some of these gods. Then, Jesus came into all the world and sent the gospel into all the world, not just Israel. There was a clash between the power of God into the land of the pagan gods, and in the end, God won and the temples and shrines to other gods fell.

## **Practical Application**

In our lives what does this look like? **This message has everything to do with us.**

We can learn from Gideon who had an offering to Baal in his backyard. We have to break the altar of Baal. This means, if there is a stronghold or an idol in our life we have to break it.

**If we want revival, we need to repent. The people of God are called to be strong against the gods of our age.**

## **Bible References**

Deuteronomy, Psalms 106, 1 Corinthians, Acts, and Matthew 12:43-45.

## **Declarations**

- I am going to stand and live according to the kingdom of God.
- I will not tolerate sin in my life and I will stand up for the truth.
- If I have anything in my life that I hold closer than God, it is an idol and I have to get rid of it.
- God comes first!
- I have something more powerful than the spirits at work against me, I have the power of the living God.”

## **What's Next?**

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

## **Scripture References**

### **Unveiling the Hidden Gods**

**Psalm 106:37 NKJV** They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons...

**1 Corinthians 10:20 NKJV** Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.

**Acts 16:16-19 NKJV** Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly <sup>l</sup>annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged *them* into the marketplace to the authorities.

**Matthew 12:43-45 NKJV** "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds *it* empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

**Judges 6:23-33 NKJV** Then the LORD said to him, "Peace *be* with you; do not fear, you shall not die."  
**24** So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it The-LORD-Is-Peace. To this day it *is* still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. **25** Now it came to pass the same night that the LORD said to him, "Take your father's young bull, the second bull of seven years old, and tear down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the wooden image that *is* beside it; **26** and build an altar to the LORD your God on top of this rock in the proper arrangement, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the image which you shall cut down." **27** So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the LORD had said to him. But because he feared his father's household and the men of the city too much to do *it* by day, he did *it* by night. **28** And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, there was the altar of Baal, torn down; and the wooden image that *was* beside it was cut down, and the second bull was being offered on the altar *which had been* built. **29** So they said to one another, "Who has done this thing?" And when they had inquired and asked, they said, "Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing." **30** Then the men of the city said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, because he has torn down the altar of Baal, and because he has cut down the wooden image that *was* beside it." **31** But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Would you plead for Baal? Would you save him? Let the one who would plead for him be put to death by morning! If he *is* a god, let him plead for himself, because his altar has been torn down!" **32** Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, "Let Baal plead against him, because he has torn down his altar." **33** Then all the Midianites and Amalekites, the people of the East, gathered together; and they crossed over and encamped in the Valley of Jezreel.

**Joshua 24:15 NKJV** " But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."