

## YOU COMPLETE ME

September 28, 2013 Psalm 81:8-16 by Bob Branch

**MAIN IDEA:** “If you start scratching at whatever struggle you're dealing with, eventually you'll find that underneath is a false god. Until that god is dethroned, and the Lord God takes his rightful place, you will not have victory ... Idolatry isn't an issue; it is the issue.” **Kyle Idleman**

<sup>8</sup> Hear me, my people, and I will warn you— if you would only listen to me, Israel! **Psalm 81:8**

### Hebrews 12:25

“So pay attention to how you hear. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what they think they understand will be taken away from them.” **Luke 8:18** NLT

<sup>9</sup> You shall have no foreign god among you; you shall not worship any god other than me. <sup>10</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it. **81:9-10**

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me.” **Exodus 20:2-3**

1. **Whatever we look to TO FILL US usually becomes an idol to us.**

*“You complete me.”*

“these men have set up idols in their hearts and put wicked stumbling blocks before their faces. Should I let them inquire of me at all?” **Ezekiel 14:3**

**OT: Idols** defect from God; **NT: Desires** defect from God. (Gal. 5:17)

2. **Our God, the slave freer, is also the ONE WHO FILLS and SATISFIES.**

“You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.” **Psalm 145:16**

**John 4:10, 13-14**

“Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.” **Psalm 37:4**

<sup>11</sup> “But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me. <sup>12</sup> So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts to follow their own devices. **Psalm 82:11-12**

3. **God will give us over to WHAT WE WANT.**

**Romans 1:22-26, 28**

“Since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.” **Proverbs 1:30-31**

<sup>13</sup> “If my people would only listen to me, if Israel would only follow my ways, <sup>14</sup> how quickly I would subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes! <sup>15</sup> Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their punishment would last forever. <sup>16</sup> But you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.” **Psalm 82:13-16**

4. **LISTENING TO and OBEYING God is key to walking in his freedom, victory and provision.**

“Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.” **Matthew 6:33** Message

**When we allow God to fill us by practicing the disciplines of grace** (reading, worship, prayer, listening, journaling, conscience, fellowship, church, etc.), **we stop chasing everything else.**

**Survey what you seek to fill you?** Bring those to God.

Which ones need radically removing? ...put in their place?