

Don't Bend Your Knee to Baal

The apostle Paul referred to Jewish believers in Yeshua as the "remnant" of Israel (Rom. 11:5). He compared them to the 7,000 people in the time of Elijah who did not bend their knee to Baal (v. 4).

Since I am a Messianic Jew and do not participate in idolatry, I certainly qualify as one who does not bend the knee to Baal.

Really?

Baal was the Canaanite god promoted by Jezebel. In Revelation 2:20, we are told not to tolerate the spirit of Jezebel (and thus Baal). This spirit permeates modern society in rebellion, sexual sin and carnal entertainment.

To "bend the knee" may be a physical act, but it may also refer to yielding in one's thoughts and emotions.

Have I let myself yield to evil imaginations?

Perhaps I'm bending the knee to Baal-Jezebel sensuality and self-indulgence more than I would like to admit. Perhaps you are too. I shared this with our team last week, and we all knelt on the floor and repented.

Soon after, I was at the local mall, and near the entrance was a giant advertisement of a woman dressed only in underwear. I felt the fear of God (Prov. 1:7; 8:13). I went into the store and politely yet firmly requested to have the poster removed and to register the request with the management of the chain of stores across the country. I had a sense that the poster would be removed in three days. On the third morning, workmen arrived to change the poster. May God grant us grace not to bend the knee to Baal!

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