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Exodus 20:3, 4

Acts 17:16

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## LET US HAVE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE GODS OF THIS WORLD

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Sunday morning at  
Rapid City, So. Dakota2. The god that we call fashion.

1. If the fashion of this world makes us ridiculous: it is no matter about that.

2. We bedeck the god of Fashion with silks and satins and loadhim with jewellery and correctly call him THE GOD OF FASHION.3. As a prohibition against the god of fashion Paul said, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel. 1 Tim. 2:94. Sometimes women complain that their husbands are not Christians. Peter gave the remedy when he said in 1 Peter 3:1-4. NOTE: In this present chaotic condition:

1. Many wives are not in subjection to husbands

2. And many husbands are not fit for wives to be in subjection to.

3. Another god we call AMBITION.

1. He has great AMBITION, but which way does it point him.

2. At the alter we beat drums, and we blow trumpet and we deck him in scarlet regimnetals and above the alter we write his name: AMBITION.4. STill another god we call PLEASURE.1. Luke 8:14 we read; "And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are chocked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection."2. In 2 Tim 2:4, 5 we read; of; "Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. 5-Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."3. We need to make the choice Moses made as we read in Hebrews 11:24, 25; "By faith Moses when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25-Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." THERE GODES THE GOD OF THIS WORLD:THE GOD OF FASHION.

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