

## Daily Devotional, March 25, 2021

### “Dagon, Fallen on its Face”, (1 Samuel 5:1-4, NKJV)

*“Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon and set it by Dagon. And when the people of Ashdod arose early in the morning, there was Dagon, fallen on its face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon and set it in its place again. And when they arose early the next morning, there was Dagon, fallen on its face to the ground before the ark of the LORD. The head of Dagon and both the palms of its hands were broken off on the threshold; only Dagon’s torso was left of it.” (1 Samuel 5:1-4)*

The Philistines brought the ark of God to Dagon’s temple. Dagon was the fish god of the Philistines, said to be father of Baal. We read of this idol, not once but twice, as “Dagon, fallen on its face.” Everyone will worship God one way or another. “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11). We can pick up our gods of sin but God will stand in judgment of them. Our idols, our sins, and ourselves will ultimately end up like “Dagon, fallen on its face” if we insist on being pig-headed. We cannot set up the profane in our lives alongside the holy. “You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord’s table and of the table of demons. Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?” (1 Corinthians 10:21-22). It’s time to stop picking up the habits and things that do not glorify God. It’s time to put the idols in our lives to death, and to die to those things. Come now “before the ark of the LORD.” Alone. Without Dagon. To worship the true and living God.