



**“Scarecrow in a Melon Patch”
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Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field, their idols cannot speak; they must be carried because they cannot walk. Do not fear them; they can do no harm nor can they do any good.” He who is the Portion of Jacob is not like these, for he is the Maker of all things, including Israel, the people of his inheritance—the Lord Almighty is his name.

[Jeremiah 10:5, 16](#)

WHY ARE IDOLS SO ATTRACTIVE?

First, Because “everybody’s doing it.”

Second, Because idols are aesthetic.

For the practices of the peoples are worthless; they cut a tree out of the forest, and a craftsman shapes it with his chisel. They adorn it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails so it will not totter.

[Jeremiah 10:3-4](#)

Everyone is senseless and without knowledge; every goldsmith is shamed by his idols. The images he makes are a fraud; they have no breath in them.

[Jeremiah 10:14](#)

Consider these questions:

- What things take the place of God in my life?
- Where do I find my significance and confidence?
- What makes me really angry?

GOD THE ONE AND ONLY

“How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him.”

[1 Kings 18:21](#)

Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.” Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!”

[1 Kings 18:37-39](#)

“There is no one is like you, O Lord.”

- He is “Kings of the Nations.”
- He is the “true God.”
- He is the “living God.”
- He is the “eternal King.”
- He is “your Portion.”

[Jeremiah 10:6](#)

[Jeremiah 10:7](#)

[Jeremiah 10:10](#)

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[Jeremiah 10:16](#)