

Honey IN THE Rock

From theological perspective,
'Honey In the Rock'
is a joyful declaration of
"the blessings of God's
shepherding care."

From a personal perspective,
'Honey In the Rock'
is a joyful reminder that
"he's all we need."

Psalm 81:13-16 CSB

**“If only my people would listen to me
and Israel would follow my ways,**

**14 I would quickly subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes.”**

**15 Those who hate the LORD
would cower to him;
their doom would last forever.**

**16 But he would feed Israel
with the best wheat.**

**“I would satisfy you with
honey from the rock.”**

shema

“describes hearing and
also its effects – taking
heed, being obedient,
doing what is asked”

-Lois Tverberg

Psalm 81:8-13 CSB

“Listen, my people, and I will admonish you.
Israel, if you would only listen to me!

⁹ There must not be a strange god among you;
you must not bow down to a foreign god.

¹⁰ I am the LORD your God,
who brought you up from the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

¹¹ “But my people did not listen to my voice;
Israel did not obey me.

¹² So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts
to follow their own plans.

¹³ If only my people would listen to me
and Israel would follow my ways....”

Exodus 20:1-5 ESV

And God spoke all these words, saying,

² “I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ You shall not make for yourself a carved image,
or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above,
or that is in the earth beneath,
or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them,
for I the LORD your God am a jealous God....

Deuteronomy 7:5b-6 ICB

Tear down their altars.

Smash their holy stone pillars.

Cut down their Asherah idols and burn their idols in the fire.

⁶You are holy people.

You belong to the Lord your God.

He has chosen you from all the people on earth.

You are his very own.



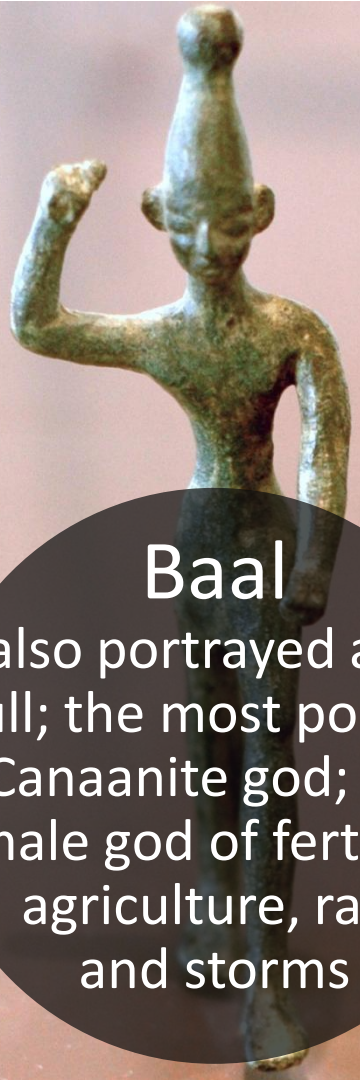
El

the supreme god of Canaanite religion; considered the father of mankind and all creatures; also the father of Baal



Asherah

El's wife; also referred to as the "Queen of Heaven"; associated with fertility and eroticism



Baal

also portrayed as a bull; the most popular Canaanite god; the male god of fertility, agriculture, rain and storms

“Son of man, these men have erected their idols in their hearts and placed the obstacle leading to their iniquity right before their faces. Should I really allow them to seek me?”

Ezekiel 14:3 NET

Therefore, put to death what belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and **greed**, which is idolatry.

Colossians 3:5 CSB

pleonexia
a strong desire
to have more

Keep your life
free from love of
money, and be content
with what you have,
for he has said, “I will
never leave you nor
forsake you.”

Hebrews 13:5 ESV

Instruct those
who are rich in the
present age not to be
arrogant or to set their
hope on the uncertainty
of wealth, but on God....

1 Timothy 6:17a CSB

“No one can serve
two masters, for either
he will hate the one and
love the other, or he will
be devoted to the one
and despise the other.
You cannot serve God

and

Matthew 6:24 ESV

douleuo
“to be a
slave to”
-Strong’s

Never give your hearts to this world
or to any of the things in it.
A man cannot love the Father
and love the world at the same time.
1 John 2:15 PHILLIPS

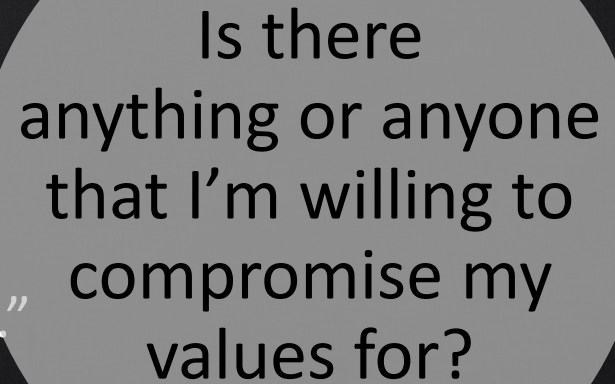


“What is an idol?
It is anything more
important to you than God,
anything that absorbs your heart
and imagination more than God,
anything you seek to give you
what only God can give.”
Tim Keller, *Counterfeit Gods*

“We think that idols are bad things,
but that is almost never the case.

The greater the good,
the more likely we are to expect that
it can satisfy our deepest needs and hopes.”

Tim Keller, *Counterfeit Gods*



Is there
anything or anyone
that I'm willing to
compromise my
values for?

Where do
I spend my
time?

Where do
I spend my
money?

Search me, God,
and know my heart;
test me and know my concerns.

²⁴ See if there is
any offensive way in me....

Psalm 139:23-24 CSB

Where do
I get my
joy?

What is
always on my
mind?