

Why I DON'T want to be your VALENTINE!

The reason is simple, this day is not about promoting love. This Roman Catholic holiday was established in 496 AD to allow pagans to continue celebrating the Roman festival Lupercalia. On the eve of February 14th rituals were performed to false gods for purification and fertility. Regardless of how they tried to spin off this day as Christian with a mythical saint, it remains to be wicked. **James 4:4** “*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*” The deception is worldwide, many observe its customs without realizing that the sinful ways of this day is causing them to become an enemy of God. For instance, Cupid is often used as an icon of Valentine’s Day that inspires romantic love. But did you know that he is one of the false gods promoted on this day? He is considered to be the god of desire, erotic love, attraction, and the son of the goddess Venus.

This is why the most High God called those that are friends with the world adulterers and adulteresses, because they do it spiritually and physically. **Hosea 3:1** “*Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.*” In ancient times the children of Israel (so called Blacks, Hispanics, and Native Americans) left from following the Heavenly Father and by doing so they no longer upheld his laws of marriage. See, **Hosea 4:6-14**. Thus men would go to “love” a woman that was an adulteress that desired to be wined and dined. In Rome, bachelors would choose a name from a big urn of women that were sexually available and be paired for the year. The world has encouraged women to set aside self respect for gifts; dating and to be called a girl-friend is not defined as what it truly is, adultery and whoredom. **Hebrews 13:4** “*Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.*”

Married couples should not look to other gods to learn about love. **1st John 2:15** “*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*” The true meaning of love is not understood by those in the world, they mistake it for lust. Marriages fail in the world because they do not uphold the laws of God which teach us about love, instead they imitate the world. **1st John 2:16** “*For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*” Valentine’s day is a trap for the married, it could lead to resentment if the expectation or lust is not met. The pride of life is when love is quantified by the gifts that were received; often shown off as their worth. Remember this day was designed to sell products, you do not need a wicked holiday or products to celebrate your marriage. What is beautiful both before God and men is the authentic joy of a couple that are one from the soul. Shalam (Peace)!

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