

gods of Pleasure

*The gods of pleasure
often begin as good gifts
from the Lord God*

Food Entertainment

Sex Relaxation

Not Sinful

gods
AT
WAR

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gods of Pleasure

*We find that we are
living for pleasure*

*We are worshiping the
gods of pleasure
instead of the God who
has given us such gifts*

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gods of Pleasure

1 Kings 18



“Ahab son of Omri became king of Israel, and he reigned in Samaria over Israel 22 years. Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the Lord than any of those before him.”

1 Kings 16:29

gods
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*As the Lord, the God of
Israel, lives, whom I
serve, there will be
neither dew nor rain in the
next few years except
at my word.*

1 Kings 17:1



Don't Expect God to Bless His Competition

*You pursue pleasure in one
area and it ends up
being your greatest
area of frustration.*

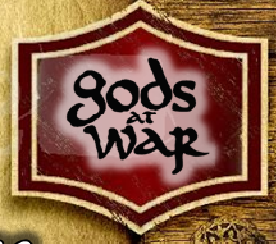


It's a Worship Issue

*The Israelites are
worshiping the god of rain*

So what does God do?

He sends a drought





Showdown

1 Kings 18:19-21



**Why do you think
they said nothing?**

*Because they
wanted both*

*They didn't want to
be forced to choose*



*Instead of having a
throne on our hearts*

*where God reigns we often
have a love seat where God*

is asked to share

the space with

something or someone else.





*Often times it's a
god of pleasure
that we ask him
to sit next to.*



God is sitting next to

A Television

A Vacation

A Game

A Restaurant

We don't want to choose





The Stage has been set

1 Kings 18:25-28



But Really?

*Have you bled
for alcohol?*

Have you bled for food?

*Have you bled for
the god of cable TV?*

Have you bled for sex?



Silence

*The gods
of Pleasure take
everything
and give nothing*





**God responds
when we worship**

1 Kings 18:36-39



God's Exchange Policy





**Is Pleasure
your focal point?**

