since she will never realistically achieve her ideal goal, she will continue to depart from the Lord until she realizes her idolatry, repents of it, crowns Jesus Christ Lord, and serves and worships only Him as God.

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SINFULNESS, AND DELIVER US FROM IT!

Paul shows how the Israelites committed this sin in various ways, and he exhorts us to "flee from idolatry."

Is there any danger of <u>our</u> departing from the living God? There is great danger! As we proceed in this series, let us heed Paul's warning, and draw near to God. There is <u>no danger whatever</u> in drawing near to <u>Him</u>; in fact, we have His promise that as we do so, He will draw near to us. And as we do this, we are encouraged by the thought that there is fullness of joy in His presence, and pleasures for evermore at His right hand!