

Stones of Happiness?

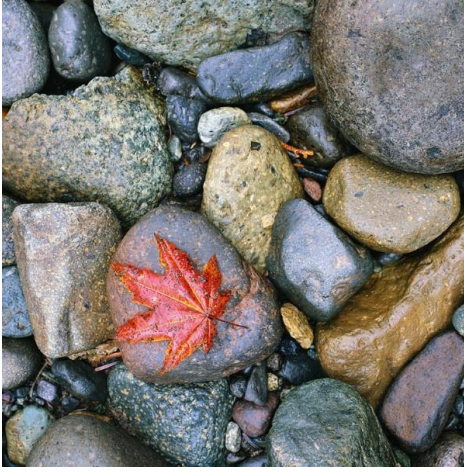
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A few days ago as I was standing in line to purchase my groceries, a man standing behind me ask the cashier some interesting questions. He asks her, “Why are you so happy?” “You always have a smile on your face when I come in here.” “What makes you so happy?” As I was standing there, and asked her, “Yes, what is the secret of your happiness?” I too wanted to know her “secret” of having an ongoing pleasant and friendly personality in a high traffic customer focused driven job. Initially, she smiles and tells us, “Oh, it is not really anything.” I asked her, “You just love life!?” However, as the gentlemen continued to press her for an answer to his questions. So, she took her hand and reached down into her pocket and pulled out to show us what caused her happiness. At first, I thought she was going to pull out an encouraging word written on a piece of paper. Secondly, I said to myself, “She is going to quote or paraphrase a Holy Bible Scripture to us as the reason for her incessant happiness. I was wrong of both thoughts, and the woman cashier pulled out two stones and gave attribution to them as the source of her happiness. She shows the stones and tells the gentleman and myself, “This one is a crystal and the other is (I was so shocked at this point I do not remember the name of the second type of stone). She goes on to say, “They give me good energy when I hold them and have them with me.” The gentleman and I told the woman cashier we appreciated her sharing the cause of her happiness as we walked to our cars to leave.

When I drove away from this market, the Holy Spirit told me in my mind that it is sad that many people are like the woman cashier who place their trust in wood and stone for happiness. I asked Yahweh Elohim Almighty, “What will happen to the person if his or her stone of happiness is taken away?” These particular pieces of stones the woman cashier possessed were created and made by the Creator of the universe. The woman cashier held onto the rocks of stones and smiled as it was her god of happiness. Sadly, her rocks of stones cannot hear nor speak as do our Heavenly Father and King of the universe.



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Sadly, her rocks of stones cannot grant repentance of sins, cannot grant deliverance from the Great Tribulation and Day of the LORD, and cannot grant salvation of her soul. I said to Yahweh Elohim Almighty, “Many individuals are going to become emotionally and spiritually crushed when their idols of rocks and stones are crushed, dissolves or taken away.” Yahweh Elohim Almighty wanted to show me a lesson from this situation that some individuals are trusting in idols of wood, stone, and even human flesh for their happiness. Our happiness and joy of the LORD should come in knowing, loving, living, and doing the Word of Yahweh Elohim Almighty. We should place our trust in the Everliving, Everlasting, and Eternal Most High and Exalted One who is not made of stone or wood, and can and does hear and speak to us.

Leviticus 9:23-24 - Expanded Bible (EXB)

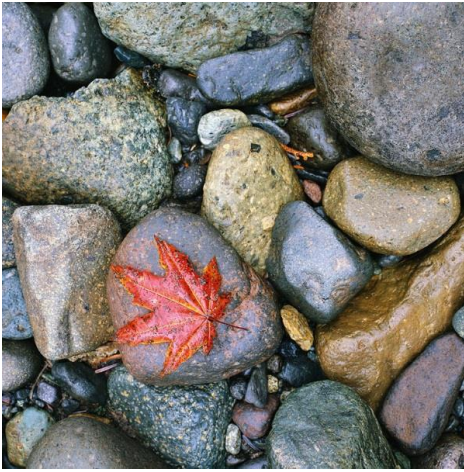
²³ *Moses and Aaron went into the Meeting Tent. Then they came out and blessed the people, and the LORD's glory [^Chis manifest presence] came to all the people.* ²⁴ *Fire came out from the LORD and burned up the burnt offering [[1:1-17](#)] and fat on the altar. When the people saw this, they shouted with joy and bowed facedown on the ground.*

[Deuteronomy 28:47](#) - Expanded Bible (EXB)

You had plenty of everything, but you did not serve the Lord your God with joy and a ·pure [or glad] heart,

[2 Samuel 6:15](#) - Expanded Bible (EXB)

David and all the Israelites shouted with joy and blew the ·trumpets [ram's horns] as they brought the Ark of the Lord to the city.



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[1 Chronicles 16:33](#) - Expanded Bible (EXB)

Then the trees of the forest will ·sing [shout; cry out] for joy before the Lord. ·They will sing because [For] he is coming to judge the ·world [earth].

[Deuteronomy 4:27-29](#) - Expanded Bible (EXB)

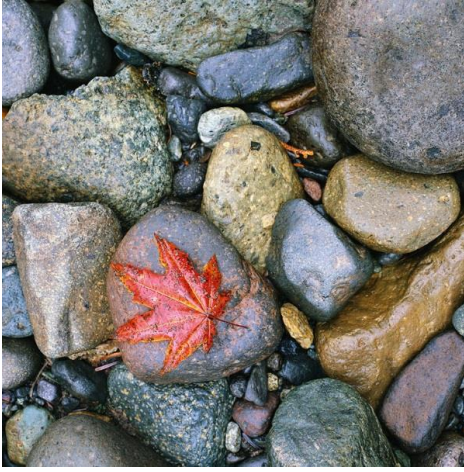
²⁷ *The LORD will scatter you among the other nations. Only a few of you will be left alive, and those few will be in other nations where the LORD will ·send [lead] you.* ²⁸ *There you will ·worship [serve] gods made by ·people [^Lhuman hands], gods made of wood and stone, that cannot see, hear, eat, or smell.* ²⁹ *But even there you can look for the LORD your God, and you will find him if you look for him with ·your whole being [^Lall your heart/mind and all your inner being].*

It is not that the stone or wood itself is sinful or wicked, but the motivation of the person who is serving and worshiping the stone and wood as an idol god, instead of worshiping the true Almighty GOD LORD Yahweh Elohim.

[1 Kings 8:9](#) - Expanded Bible (EXB)

The only things inside the Ark were two stone tablets [^Con which were the Ten Commandments] that Moses had put in the Ark at ·Mount Sinai [Horeb; Ex. 40:20]. That was where the Lord made his ·agreement [covenant; treaty] with the Israelites after they came out of [^Lthe land of] Egypt.

The Ten Commandments were written on stone by the Hand of the LORD Yahweh Elohim Almighty, but Moses, Aaron and the priests did not worship the stone and they only worshiped the One True Most High Yahweh who is Life and was Life and is Life again.



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2 Kings 23:13-15 - Expanded Bible (EXB)

¹³ King Josiah ·ruined [desecrated; defiled] the ·places where gods were worshiped [^Lhigh places; [12:3](#)] east of Jerusalem, south of the Mount of ·Olives [or Corruption; or Destruction; ^Cso called because of the pagan sites]. Solomon king of Israel had built these places. One was for Ashtoreth, the ·hated goddess [detestable thing; ^Tabomination] of the Sidonians. One was for Chemosh, the ·hated god [detestable thing; ^Tabomination] of Moab. And one was for Molech, the ·hated god [detestable thing; ^Tabomination] of the Ammonites. ¹⁴ Josiah smashed to pieces the ·stone [sacred] pillars they worshiped, and he cut down the Asherah ·idols [poles; ^Ca sacred tree or pole dedicated to the goddess Asherah; [13:6](#)]. Then he covered the places with human bones. ¹⁵ Josiah also ·broke down [demolished] the altar at Bethel—the ·place of worship [high place; [12:3](#)] made by Jeroboam son of Nebat, who had led Israel to sin. Josiah burned that place, broke the stones of the altar into pieces, then ·beat [ground] them into dust. He also burned the Asherah ·idol [pole; [13:6](#)].

King Josiah loved the LORD GOD Yahweh Elohim Almighty and His commandments so much that he took it upon himself to destroy all idols and idol worshiping in Jerusalem and Bethel.

Revelation 9:20- Expanded Bible (EXB)

The ·other [rest of the] people who were not killed by these ·terrible disasters [plagues] still did not ·change their hearts and turn away from what they had made with their own hands [^Lrepent from the works of their hands]. They did not stop worshiping demons and idols made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood—things that cannot see or hear or walk [[Ps. 115:4–7](#); [135:17](#); [Jer. 10:1–16](#)].

Are we going to place our faith, hope, trust, and joy in the Eternal Yahweh Elohim Almighty for His protection and deliverance?