

The world loves its heroes, and we Blacks are no different. Black celebrities enjoy immense popularity and have tremendous influence on our lives. We want to look like them, dress like them, and unfortunately, act like them.

This has changed our worldview. Thirty years ago, most Black children wanted to be a doctor, a nurse, a fireman, or a teacher when they grew up; but not anymore. Now most children want to be singers, rappers, or professional athletes—just like their heroes.

But our heroes are not good role models. They use foul language, promote sexual promiscuity, disdain marriage, and promote drugs and alcohol. Their message is: “If it feels good, do it.”

This message has had a devastating impact on our communities. Blacks represent:

- 34.8% of total teenage pregnancies.¹
- 16% of total unemployment; almost double that of whites.²
- 37.8% of total incarcerated.³
- 46% of total cases of AIDS.⁴
- One out of two Black children live in single-parent households.⁵

Yet Blacks make up only 12% of the total population of the United States.⁶

These unfortunate statistics are a direct result of our replacing the worship of God with the worship of men. This is idolatry. Earlier civilizations made the same mistake. The Bible says, “*Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the*

immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being...they exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator” (Romans 1:22–23,25).

Celebrities are sinful human beings just like we are. They are not gods. They can’t help us with our problems, because they can’t solve their own. Why then, do we worship them? And why do we make them our heroes?

The worship of man instead of God destroys morality. We become:

“Filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

“Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

“Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful.”



This sounds a lot like our communities today. The hero culture is destroying us. We don’t need any more heroes—we need a Savior.

There is someone. His name is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He gave His life for you and me. “*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13).*

Jesus Christ suffered and died on a cross to pay the penalty for our sins. He died in our place to bring us to God. “*For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God” (1 Peter 3:18).*

Jesus Christ is a real hero. Make Him your hero!

The Bible says, "Believe in the LORD Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

Place your trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior today.

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