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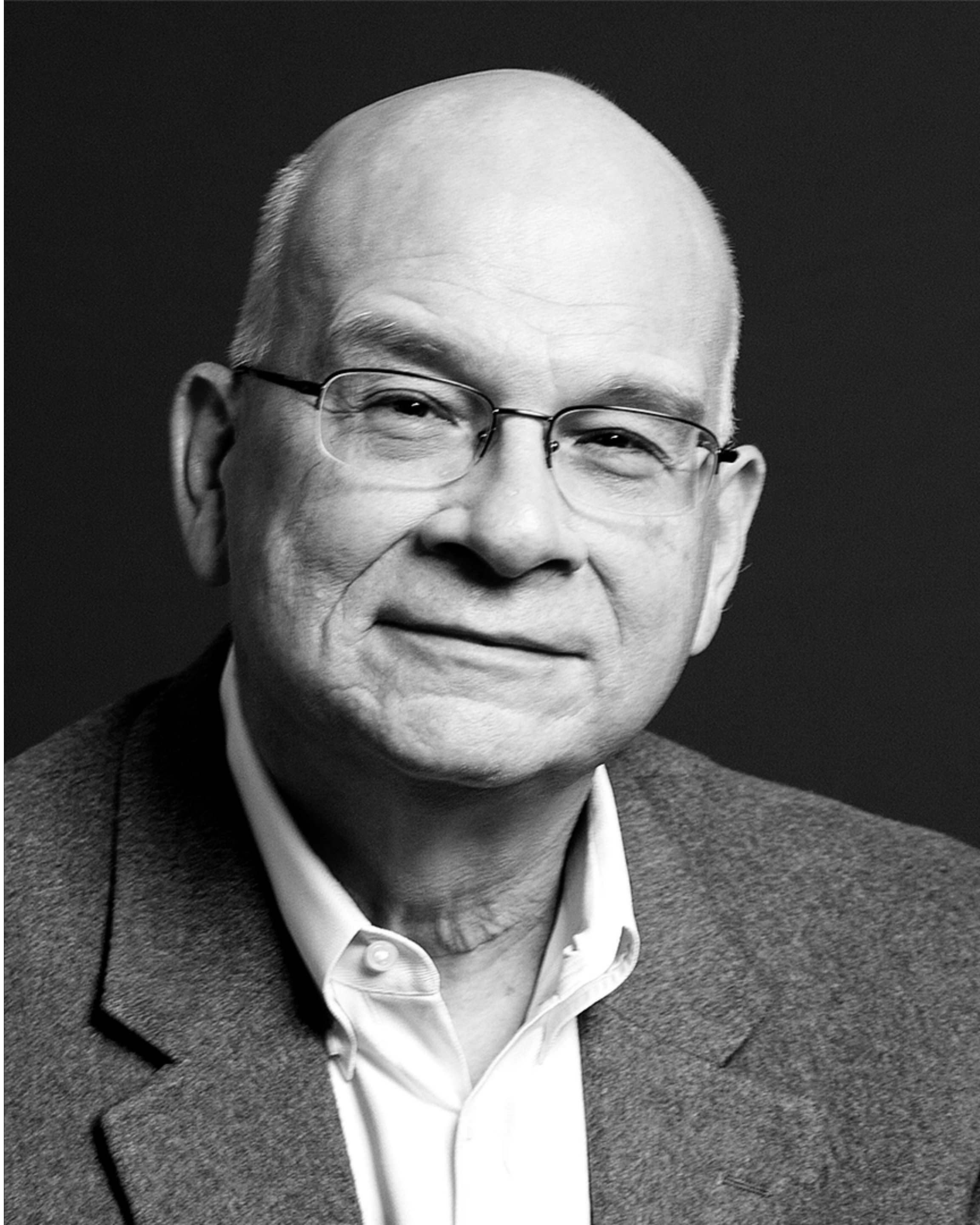
LEAVE

the gods

BEHIND

EXODUS SERMON RESOURCES





Tim Keller

In Counterfeit Gods

*“An idol is anything more
fundamental than God to your
happiness, meaning in life, or
identity.”*

Plagues 4-6

4) Flies

5) Livestock

6) Boils



Exodus 8:20-24

20 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. 21 Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand.

Exodus 8:20-24

22 But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the Lord in the midst of the earth. 23 Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen."'" 24 And the Lord did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.



Khepri

The God of Creation & the Movement of the Sun

Breaking Pharaoh's Order

Exodus 9:6-7: "6 And the next day the Lord did this thing. All the livestock of the Egyptians died, but not one of the livestock of the people of Israel died. 7 And Pharaoh sent, and behold, not one of the livestock of Israel was dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go."

Exodus 9:10: "10 So they took soot from the kiln and stood before Pharaoh. And Moses threw it in the air, and it became boils breaking out in sores on man and beast."

Bargaining With God

Exodus 8:25-32

25 Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God within the land." 26 But Moses said, "It would not be right to do so, for the offerings we shall sacrifice to the Lord our God are an abomination to the Egyptians. If we sacrifice offerings abominable to the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not stone us?"

Bargaining With God

Exodus 8:25-32

27 We must go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the Lord our God as he tells us."

28 So Pharaoh said, "I will let you go to sacrifice to the Lord your God in the wilderness; only you must not go very far away. Plead for me."

Bargaining With God

Exodus 8:25-32

29 Then Moses said, "Behold, I am going out from you and I will plead with the Lord that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, tomorrow. Only let not Pharaoh cheat again by not letting the people go to sacrifice to the Lord." 30 So Moses went out from Pharaoh and prayed to the Lord. 31 And the Lord did as Moses asked, and removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; not one remained. 32 But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and did not let the people go.

Surrendering Your Order... is foreign.

Matthew 20:16 - So the last will be first, and the first last."

2 Corinthians 12:9 - But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Proverbs 8:11 - for wisdom is better than jewels...

**Surrendering Your Order...
feels like death.**

Luke 9:23 - "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."



Kyle Strobel

on dying to self

"This means that much of our transformation will feel like dying to things.

We will know weakness before we recognize God's power. We will feel like we're losing our lives before we realize we're finding them. We'll feel like we're last before we know we've become first."

Surrendering Your Order... brings true order.

God doesn't come to fit into our systems of order—He comes to lovingly upend them, to replace them with something far more secure: Himself.

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GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER. PSALMS 107:1



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