

## Two Great Evils

There was a time when Israel was holiness to the Lord (**Jeremiah 2:1-3**) However, they would go into apostasy and idolatry (**Jeremiah 2:4-11**). The people would change their Glory (God) for what does not profit (**Jeremiah 2:11**). Jeremiah called upon the heavens to look on in astonishment and great fear as God accused His people (**Jeremiah 2:12**).

“For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns – broken cisterns that can hold no water” (**Jeremiah 2:13**). The people had been warned that God is a holy God and He is a jealous God. If the people would forsake Him and serve foreign gods, He would turn and do them harm after doing them good (**Joshua 24:19-20**). Could we be guilty of the same today?

It is not within man who walks to direct his steps (**Jeremiah 10:23**). There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death (**Proverbs 14:12**). We are reminded that our ways are not God’s way. God’s ways are higher than our ways. (**Isaiah 55:8-9**). The word of God will go forth from His mouth and it shall accomplish what He pleases. And it shall prosper in the thing for which He sent it (**Isaiah 55:11**).

We may say that God’s way is not fair. But it is our way that is not fair (**Ezekiel 18:25-31**). God has no pleasure in the death of one who dies. Therefore, we are admonished to turn and live (**Ezekiel 18:32**).

God heard the prayers of His people for 430 years before sending Moses to deliver them from Egyptian bondage (**Exodus 12:40-41; Galatians 3:17**). Yet, they did not understand God’s way of delivering them nor the purpose for their deliverance (**Exodus 14:11-12; 16:3**). They forsook the living God for a golden calf made by Aaron (**Exodus 32:1-4**). Aaron later would lie about where it came from (**Exodus 32:22-24**). They would have troubles throughout the journey in the wilderness (**1 Corinthians 10:1-11**).

Adam and Eve forsook God for Satan’s lie (**Genesis 3:1-7**). They were enticed by the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life (cf. **1 John 2:15-17**). Their solution after their transgression was to make coverings for themselves from sewed fig leaves (**Genesis 3:7**). God’s solution was to make them coats of skin (**Genesis 3:21**).

Down through history man would continue to honor God with their lips, but their heart would be far from God. In vain they would worship God (**Matthew 15:8-9**). Warning is given of our having an evil heart of unbelief. And then, of our departing from the living God (**Hebrews 3:12-14**).

We are given a strong warning in **Galatians 1:6-9**. There is only one Gospel of Christ. If we preach another gospel, we will be accursed. If we receive any other gospel that that of Christ, we will be accursed.

We are warned about false gods. Anyone who is covetous, is an idolater who has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God (**Ephesians 5:5**). We are reminded that the wrath of God will be upon the sons of disobedience (**Colossians 3:5-6**). We are warned about false teachers with their destructive heresies and destructive ways (**2 Peter 2:1-3**).

We have the warning of our taking heed, lest we fall (**1 Corinthians 10:12**). We can be guilty of

a false sense of prosperity. We may think we are rich, and have need of nothing. However, we may be wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked (**Revelation 3:17-18**).

Are we looking forward to the Lamb who will shepherd the faithful and lead them to living fountains of waters (**Revelation 7:17**)? “And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely” (**Revelation 22:17**).

Something to think about!

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