

They Turned Away from God Jeremiah 6:10-16

Sent to warn Israel to return to the Lord

They had forgotten the Lord **Jeremiah 2:32**

They had forsaken God **Jeremiah 2:13**

***Jeremiah 5:30-31** An appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land: the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule at their direction; my people love to have it so, but what will you do when the end comes?*

Their departure & continued rebellion is found in text

What happened then happens now.

The same attitudes continue to turn men away from God today

Refused to Listen to the Word of God - Jeremiah 6:10

***Matthew 13:15** For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.'*

***Isaiah 30:9-11** For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the Lord; who say to the seers, "Do not see," and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions, leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel."*

God knows best

***Genesis 1:26-27** Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

***Ecclesiastes 12:13** The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.*

***Jeremiah 10:23** I know, O Lord, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.*

Refusing to listen to God results in moral depravity

***Romans 1:21-28** For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.*

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

Obsessed with Material Things - Jeremiah 6:13

***Luke 12:15** And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."*

***Luke 12:20** But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'*

The material things will not last

***1Timothy 6:7** for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.*

***1Timothy 6:10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.*

***Matthew 6:19-20** Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

***2Corinthians 4:18** as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*

Focus on Heaven instead

***Colossians 3:1-2** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

***1Peter 1:3-4** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,*

Deluded Themselves with Lies - Jeremiah 6:14

***2Thessalonians 2:9-11** The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false,*

***2Timothy 4:3-4** For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.*

Need to seek truth

***John 8:32** and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

***1Peter 1:22** Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,*

***James 2:24** You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.*

Not Ashamed, Could Not Blush - Jeremiah 6:15

1Corinthians 6:5 *I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers,*

Do you feel shame?

Ephesians 5:12 *For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.*

Philippians 3:18-19 *For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.*

Rejected the Only Possible Cure - Jeremiah 6:16

Revelation 2:4-5 *But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.*

Let Us Follow the Old Path

Jude 1:3 *Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.*

2Timothy 3:16-17 *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*

2Peter 1:3-4 *His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.*

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