

SOUL SATISFACTION--THE DIAGNOSIS AND THE CURE—JER 2

Jer 2:11-13

“ Has a nation changed its gods, which are not gods?

But My people have changed their Glory for what does not profit.

12 Be astonished, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid; be very desolate," says the Lord.

13 “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.”

BACKGROUND OF JEREMIAH

THE THREE REALITIES OF IDOLATRY

1. The Nature of Idolatry—vs. 11
 - Changed their glory...Here it is—the essence of idolatry.
 - “You shall have no gods before Me.”
 - “. . . and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image. . .”
2. The Astonishment and Horror of Idolatry—vs 12
 - God directly speaking.
 - Speaking to who? Heaven...
 - BE ASTONISHED
 - BE HORRIBLY AFRAID
 - BE VERY DESOLATE
3. The Evil and Absurdity of Idolatry
 - THEY HAVE FORSAKEN ME
 - THEY HAVE HEWN OUT CISTERNS—BROKEN CISTERNS.

THOUGHTS ON TRUE SATISFACTION

1. The Call to Soul Satisfaction—Pictures
 - Ps 16:11 At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
 - Isa 55:1-2"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters.
 - Rev 22:17-18 And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.
 - Matt 11:28-30 Come to Me, and you will find rest for your souls.
 - John 7:37 "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

- John 4:13-14 "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst.

2. The Gateway Into Satisfaction
THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

3. The Outcome of Satisfaction in Him—FILLED AND OVERFLOWING!!

PULLING IT ALL TOGETHER—LESSONS FROM A DISGRUNTLED GOD WORSHIPPER AND FROM AN UNLIKELY SAMARITAN WOMAN

1. From broken cistern to the fountain—a disgruntled God-worshipper—Psalm 73.
 - Broken cisterns look so good
 - Until my eyes are open to reality; then I understand...
 - Then, I come to the fountain and find life!!!
 - Finally, the fountain is so wonderful, I must declare it to all!
2. From brokenness to fullness of life—John 4
 - John 4:13-14 "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again.
 - John 4:25-26 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."
 - John 4:42 "Now we believe, and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

WHAT IS THE KEY? ONE WAY AND ONE WAY ONLY

- THE GOSPEL
- DEAD SEA CHRISTIANS VS. WOMAN—AT—THE--WELL CHRISTIANS
- DEAD SEA CHRISTIANS VS. PSALM 34:5 CHRISTIANS

APPLICATION

- What broken cisterns are you clinging to? Time to repent...
- Are you excited about Him? Are you joyous about Him?
- Is your sense of satisfaction being measured by your gazing on the Glorious One.
- Here's the goal—Psalm 34:5—LOOKED AND WERE RADIANT.