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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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Priorities - What Is Most Important To You?

JEREMIAH 2:1-19 NKJV – (1) The LORD gave me another message. He said, (2) “Go and shout this message to Jerusalem. This is what the LORD says: “I remember how eager you were to please me as a young bride long ago, how you loved me and followed me even through the barren wilderness. (3) In those days Israel was holy to the LORD, the first of his children. All who harmed his people were declared guilty, and disaster fell on them. I, the LORD, have spoken!” (4) Listen to the word of the LORD, people of Jacob—all you families of Israel! (5) This is what the LORD says: “What did your ancestors find wrong with me that led them to stray so far from me? They worshiped worthless idols, only to become worthless themselves. (6) They did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD who brought us safely out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness— a land of deserts and pits, a land of drought and death, where no one lives or even travels?’ (7) “And when I brought you into a fruitful land to enjoy its bounty and goodness, you defiled my land and corrupted the possession I had promised you. (8) The priests did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD?’ Those who taught my word ignored me, the rulers turned against me, and the prophets spoke in the name of Baal, wasting their time on worthless idols. (9) Therefore, I will bring my case against you,” says the LORD. “I will even bring charges against your children’s children in the years to come. (10) “Go west and look in the land of Cyprus; go east and search through the land of Kedar. Has anyone ever heard of anything as strange as this? (11) Has any nation ever traded its gods for new ones, even though they are not gods at all? Yet my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols! (12) The heavens are shocked at such a thing and shrink back in horror and dismay,” says the LORD. (13) “For my people have done two evil things: They have abandoned me — the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all! (14) “Why has Israel become a slave? Why has he been carried away as plunder? (15) Strong lions have roared against him, and the land has been destroyed. The towns are now in ruins, and no one lives in them anymore. (16) Egyptians, marching from their cities of Memphis and Tahpanhes, have destroyed Israel’s glory and power. (17) And you have brought this upon yourselves by rebelling against the LORD your God, even though he was leading you on the way! (18) “What have you gained by your alliances with Egypt and your covenants with Assyria? What good to you are the streams of the Nile or the waters of the Euphrates River? (19) Your wickedness will bring its own punishment. Your turning from me will shame you. You will see what an evil, bitter thing it is to abandon the LORD your God and not to fear him. I, the Lord, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, have spoken!

How long will we as a people, claim God, but serve Satan? Clubbing (partying), fornication, immorality, idolatry, gossiping, lying, back biting, cheating, stealing, murdering, playing religious, when having no or very little relationship with the true and living God. The list goes on. Refuse to forgive, refuse to be a servant (stewardship), ignoring God’s leaders. How long will we serve Satan and put God’s name on the front? To my single brothers and sisters, how long will we follow the wicked and put God’s name on the front of it? A “New Years Eve resolution”, who told us we would be here past today? How ungrateful will we be as God’s people? How long will we be ungrateful, telling God thank you, but simply happy we got ours (selfish)? How long do we think we can measure His grace and mercy? How long do we think we can continue to put Him last and everything else first? How long do we think we can avoid the wrath when we yet come with our ungodly, non repenting lifestyles? “What is most important to you?” Selah (Think about it).

SCRIPTURE READING

JEREMIAH 3:1-5

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

REPENT NOW!!!



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