S.O.H.L. <u>WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS</u>

Pronounced "Soul"

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When is Enough, Enough? (Pt. 1 of 4)

JEREMIAH 15:6 NIV – (6) "You have rejected me," declares the **LORD**. "You keep on backsliding. So I will reach out and destroy you; I am tired of holding back".

God provoked to a degree that He can repent no more. He is "weary with repenting", worn and tired of canceling threatened sentences so often--as a potentate of earth might be at finding that every fresh display of patience in his subjects masked but deeper hatred to his rule, and every amnesty he declared was but a signal for raising the standard of rebellion anew. What can man do to move the Author of his being to regard him in this way? We must not speculate. We must let the great God speak for Himself and gather out of other Scriptures what those things are which are said to weary God, wear out His patience, make Him tired of His forgiveness's, reprieves, and revoked sentences.

These offenses include:

- Among these provocations we may note hypocrisy and allowed formality in religious duty (Isaiah 1:13-14);
- We may make God weary by presuming and unjustified intentions upon His mercy (Malachi 2:17);
- Unbelief;
- A resorting to creature trust and dependencies;
- A want of simplicity and unreservedness in accepting His promises, as if we thought He would not pay them in full or did not mean them to be taken by us, in all their length and breadth, and depth and worth;
- The awful limit prescribed in the text may be reached, and the Divine patience tasked one step too far, by provocations after mercies.

SCRIPTURE READING

EZEKIEL 14:9

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The devil knows what music to play to get you to dance!