

Jeremiah 2:5

by Chuck Smith

The sermon highlights the superficial nature of King Josiah's reformation and the challenge of God's call to holiness and purity.

Scripture: Jeremiah 2:5, Jeremiah 3:10, Revelation 2:4

Topics: "Spiritual Decline", "Faithfulness to God"

Description

Chuck Smith explores the theme of 'False-Hearted Lovers' in Jeremiah 2:5, emphasizing God's lament over His people's unfaithfulness. He highlights the superficiality of reformation during King Josiah's reign, where external changes did not reflect true repentance. Smith challenges the congregation to remember their first love for God and to recognize the emptiness of pursuing false gods. He underscores the importance of returning to a genuine relationship with God, as turning away from Him leads to spiritual decline. The sermon calls for a deep reflection on personal faithfulness and the need for holiness in a world filled with distractions.

Transcript

"FALSE-HEARTED LOVERS"

Intro: Jeremiah called in 13th year of Josiah's reign. For next 18 years comparable peace.

Josiah King when 8 years. 16 he began to seek after God - 4 years later began reforms. Next year, Jeremiah started to prophesy. 5 years later book of law discovered - Josiah leading new campaign, cleansing of temple. First Chap. 2-12 of Jeremiah.

Chapter 2 - 6 prophecies during first 5 years before law rediscovered.

Chapter 7 - 9 cleansing of temple.

I. IN CHAPTER 3:10 REFORMATION SUPERFICIAL.

A. King was sincere - zealous - popular.

B. Evil suppressed by legislation.

II. CHAPTER 2, VS. 5 - COUPLES WITH 2, 3.

A. Must go back to high estate from which they fell.

"I remember the kindness of thy youth." - God's view of His people.

B. (went after me in the wilderness)

walked after vanity)

C. The whole a picture of lost love.

III. THE CHALLENGE OF GOD.

A. "Why have you left Me?"

B. "What have I done?" "What deceit have I practiced?" The challenge of wounded love.

C. Challenge has deeper note. vs. 10, 11.

1. This faithfulness to false gods and unfaithfulness to the true God quite modern.

a. Glance at other religions today. Followers of Mohammed.

D. Reason supremacy of Divine religion.

1. The gods' men are faithful to the gods that they had made.

2. Man makes gods like himself. An enlargement of their own imperfections.

E. The call of God is to holiness and purity.

1. When men turn from God it is not that they don't understand His holiness but because they do.

F. The turning from God is the secret of national declivity.

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