

GOD DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ENOUGH

Jeremiah 6:16

Introduction: Jeremiah was not very popular with his kinsman, Israel, for he kept telling them they were in trouble with God but they didn't think so therefore didn't listen to him. Israel had indeed left the old paths and ways God had set for them and had taken for themselves their own ideas and ways which were leading them away from God and eventually punishment from God. Jeremiah warned them and told them that if they wanted to escape what lay ahead, to go back to the old paths that God had made for them. Of course, they didn't listen.

Through the records of man and God it is a repeated fact that people are always leaving the ways of God and going their own way.

1. With Moses, the people had gotten tired of God, again and again.

- Moses had gone up the mountain to receive the commandments and the people got tired of waiting for God to do something, so they made a golden calf.
- While Israel was in the wilderness, God fed them manna from heaven but they got tired of that, even though it had everything they needed to live on, so they demanded something else. God sent them quail (birds) until they grew sick of them.
- People find God's goodness boring. After a while they get tired of it so they mix something with it.

2. For many Christians God is not enough.

- They want what the cross of Jesus provides, but not what it demands.
- They want God's protection but to be allowed to lay with their worldly things while living their worldly ways. God's ways become boring and so they want more.
- They invent "religious" entertainment" to "pep" up their "worship" services, God is not enough.
- The atheist will at least stand up and declare that if there is a God, to strike him/her dead, there is no "pretense" with the atheist.

3. The Christian won't be where he/she ought to be until he/she gets to a place where God is enough.

- Those who desire and pursue the presence of the Holy God and stand in awed silence are satisfied.
- Those who are obedient and seek only God's will are satisfied with what God does.
- We have to live here in this world but we don't have to be like it.
 - Many take the things of the world and "sanctify" them saying those things are necessary for spiritual happiness.
- One minute in the presence of God brings more delight and satisfaction than all the invented gadgets, things and programs of the entire world.

4. So, what is the "old path, the old way?" *"Stand in the way, and see for yourselves, and ask for the old paths, the good way, and you shall find rest to your souls."*

- They are ancient and eternal with no time quality attached to them.
 - God, God' creating us, our response and relation to God, human sin, human redemption, the incarnation, the indwelling Christ, the union of the soul with God.

- We will never be where we ought to be until these things become to us the source of excitement and satisfaction.
- We will cease to be bored with God.
- We will cease to make God's redemptive plan merely an escape from Hell.
- We will center our affections upon God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

5. The person who is where he/she should be with God will require very little from the world.

- It is amazing how much God will meet one's needs.
- It will not be God plus something else.
- It will be God - everything.
- In the world, yes, but that person's anchor will be God and if cut off from all the comforts and things the world provides, he/she will still be perfectly at rest for God will be enough.

CONCLUSION:

1. Christian, turn your mind back to the "old paths."
 - Seek the presence of God with all your heart, soul, mind, time and energies.
2. Once where you need to be, you will find heaven drawing nearer and earth receding as you live longer.
3. Pray that God will give you the courage to be obedient to His truths and help you return to the "old paths," the old ways that have always been the ways of God. Ask God to help you put down all things that stand between you and God and to forgive you for thinking that you ever needed anything or anybody else.