

## WHEN GOD IS NOT NEEDED

### Jeremiah 2:26-29

**Introduction:** History reveals that in every generation there has been a time when God was not needed. Even God's own people, Israel, at times acted like they didn't need God. Today's generation is no different in not needing God all the time. God is not included when making plans for the future but potential financial needs are, such as insurance, investments, savings, etc. People live as if they will never die and give no thought to the truth that someday they will stand before God in judgment. God warns such people that "if they have no need of God when times are good, then don't look for Him when things go wrong."

### I. EVERY GENERATION ACTS THE SAME WAY TOWARD GOD

1. God is not included in their thoughts or plans.
  - a. God calls, invites, welcomes and entreats, trying to get man's attention.
  - b. Man refuses to acknowledge God or to seek Him.
  - c. If any public identification with God is made, it is but to perform a duty and the heart is not in it.
  - d. Man turns his back upon God and some say, "God is for women and children."
  - e. Man is caught up with everyday life and dreams of the future and therefore never includes nor considers God in those dreams and plans.
2. Man will call upon God when in trouble.
  - a. Few are so hardened that they will not call upon God in time of trouble.
  - b. All cry out to the God so ignored and want **immediate** help, as if God is required to obey their demands.
  - c. It is said that certain wild animals cannot be approached as they will attack and cause harm, but when they are in the process of having their babies they are quite docile.
  - d. It is the same with mankind who is bent on gratifying every wish and want in life, has no time for God nor includes God in his plans, **but** when bowed down with troubles he calls for God to step in and help.

### II. IT IS FOOLISH AND DANGEROUS TO EXCLUDE GOD FROM EVERYDAY LIFE

1. Life without God is a life filled with disappointments.
  - a. Without God, life is like a leaking well.
    - Nothing the world is lasting.
    - Life's pursuits are lost, stolen, broken, used up and worn out.
    - When trouble comes, health breaks, bankruptcy happens, and death comes, of what use are the things one has spent his/her life trying to get?
    - When God is left out of everyday normal life, God will not be there when troubles come. *"...let the gods that thou hast made to thee, arise and save thee..."*

- b. Even if one or two worldly things help in times of trouble, of what good are they when standing before God?
  - Will worldly things satisfy the God ignored?
  - Will that company of friends and family whom a person spends his/her life with while not including God, obtain for him/her God's blessings and acceptance?
  - The greatest disappointment in life is when one stands before the very God he/she had no time for and it's too late to do anything about it.
  
- 2. People who exclude God from their lives will have all eternity to remember.
  - a. While living on earth, there was no time for God.
  - b. When in eternity, there will be forever to remember that God was excluded.
    - Will remember God's repeated attempts to get the attention.
    - Will remember the cross of Christ and His love the Bible and the Church spoke of.
    - Will remember the Church, God's family and all the invitations to attend.
  - c. All that should and could have been is gone.
    - Things so important when living on earth are gone and not important in eternity.
    - God's presence during one's earthly life was traded for useless earthly things.
    - One does "**...reap what he/she sows...**"

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. There is no such thing as maybe "later." God is here "NOW !"
2. Neglect God now, and He won't help you in troubled times later.
3. Troubles are often sent by God as warnings.
4. Now is the time to include God in your life. Call upon Him while He is near.