

Idolatry and Oppression

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Jeremiah 2:10-13, 22, 34; 5:27-28; 7:5-7

I. Idolatry

- A. Springs and broken cisterns
- B. Mixed with the service of God (Jeremiah 7:28; 31; 32:35; Ezekiel 23:37; Matthew 6:24)
- C. Protected by false prophets (Isaiah 58:1; Jeremiah 5:7b-8, 30-31; 23:23; 2 Timothy 4:3-4 NASB; John 12:43; 1 Timothy 5:17-18)
- D. Wrongly pursues happiness and prosperity (Jeremiah 44:16-18, 20-23)

II. Unjust Judgment and Lies

- A. Oppression (e.g. Jeremiah 2:33-34; 5:5, 27-28; 6:13-14; 7:5-11; Isaiah 1:16-17, 21-23; 3:13-15; 10:1-2; 33:14-16; 58:1, 6-12; 59:14-15; Romans 13:3-4; Leviticus 19:15)
- B. The “why” of oppression (Isaiah 5:8)
- C. Feasting and luxury (Isaiah 5:22-23; 59:14-15a; 1 Corinthians 15:32).

III. Bad Times

- A. Those who depart from evil
- B. The other side of the line (Isaiah 58:6-7)
- C. Big God, small god
- D. Life among idols and oppression

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10 Maana, vukeni mpaka visiwa vya Kitimu, mkaone; tumeni watu waende Kedari, mkafikiri sana; mkaone kwamba jambo kama hili limekuwa wakati wo wote.

11 Je! Taifa wamebadili miungu yao, ingawa siyo miungu? Lakini watu wangu wameubadili utukufu wao kwa ajili ya kitu kisichofaidia.

12 Enyi mbingu, staajabuni kwa ajili ya jambo hili, mkaogope sana, na kuwa ukiwa sana, asema Bwana.

13 Kwa maana watu wangu hawa wametenda maovu mawili; wameniacha mimi, niliye chemchemi ya maji ya uzima, wamejichimbia mabirika, mabirika yavujayo, yasiyoweza kuweka maji.

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22 Maana ujapojiosha kwa magadi, na kujipatia sabuni nyingi, lakini uovu wako umeandikwa mbele zangu, asema Bwana MUNGU.

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34 Tena katika pindo za nguo zako imeonekana damu ya roho zao maskini wasio na hatia; sikuiona penye mahali palipobomoka, lakini naliiona juu ya hawa wote.

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27 Kama tundu lijaavyo ndege, kadhalika nyumba zao zimejaa hila; kwa hiyo wamekuwa wakuu, wamepata mali.

28 Wamewanda sana, wang'aa; naam, wamepita kiasi kwa matendo maovu; hawatetei madai ya yatima, ili wapate kufanikiwa; wala hawaamui haki ya mhitaji.

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5 Maana kama mkitengeneza kabisa njia zenu na matendo yenu; kama mkihukumu hukumu ya haki kati ya mtu na jirani yake;

6 kama hamwonei mgeni, wala yatima, wala mjane, wala kumwaga damu isiyo na hatia mahali hapa, wala kuifuata miungu mingine kwa hasara yenu wenyewe;

7 ndipo nitakapowakalisha mahali hapa, katika nchi hii niliyowapa baba zenu, tokea zamani hata milele.