

A Just Condemnation

“For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob, Because they are filled with eastern ways; They *are* soothsayers like the Philistines, And they are pleased with the children of foreigners. Their land is also full of silver and gold, And there is no end to their treasures; Their land is also full of horses, And there is no end to their chariots. Their land is also full of idols; They worship the work of their own hands, That which their own fingers have made. People bow down, And each man humbles himself; Therefore do not forgive them.” (Isaiah 2:6-9 NKJV)

God doesn't act without a just cause. Here the people are made aware of Judah's many crimes against God. They had embraced the eastern ways, giving attention to soothsaying and the like. They had married foreigners, and filled their barns with treasures. In addition, along with this great wealth, they had begun to worship idols.

Why shouldn't God judge them? They had turned their backs to Him. The reason why is our concern, also.

Prosperity breeds contempt. When things are going well we forget God. When things get tough, we humble ourselves and cry out. Friends, we need to learn how to live in prosperity without forsaking God.

To do that, we need to understand that true prosperity is that which is gained honestly, and comes from God. “For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, Nor did their own arm save them; But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, Because You favored them.” (Psalms 44:3 NKJV)

When we set out to gain wealth or comfort with no regard for holiness, we do ourselves great harm. “He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, But he who hates bribes will live.” (Proverbs 15:27 NKJV) “For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” (1 Timothy 6:10 NKJV)

Take a serious look at your life. What are your goals? If glorifying God is not at the top of the list, then some serious decisions need to be made. You will forsake God if your first goal is to accumulate wealth.

Take heed to the psalmist's warning.

“A little that a righteous man has *Is* better than the riches of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But the LORD upholds the righteous. The LORD knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. But the wicked shall perish; And the enemies of the LORD, Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away.” (Psalms 37:16-20 NKJV)