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2 Chronicles 36:17-20

“Therefore He brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or infirm; He gave them all into his hand. And all the articles of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures ...they brought them all to Babylon. ...they burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its fortified buildings with fire, and destroyed all its valuable articles.” 2 Chronicles 36:17-20

We try so hard to defend God and our religious trappings! But it appears the LORD is not so jealous for these things. Jesus said, “There shall not be left one stone upon another, which shall not be thrown down.” (Matthew 24:2). Man so misestimates what is of true value. We place high values upon material things while the LORD looks upon the heart. We rush to defend the symbols of our religion while allowing the world’s system to undermine our true heart’s faith.

The worth of our soul is inestimable; “For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26). Buildings can be replaced. But what of the souls of men? Things matter not!

The jealousy of God is aroused by the price He paid in His Son’s blood for the redemption of men. Religious trappings on the other hand can hold the redeemed in only more bondage. Worlds may be created and recreated by a mere word. Redemption of your heart carries a far greater price!

“Lord, help us estimate the worth of man and woman as You appraise their lives. Make us jealous with Your godly jealousy. Amen!”

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