



“For My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me the fountain of living waters, and hewed for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.... Have you not brought this on yourself, in that you have forsaken the LORD your God, when He led you by the way? ... your own wickedness shall correct you, and your backslidings shall reprimand you: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and *a bitter thing*, that you have forsaken the LORD your God, and that My fear is not in you,” says the Lord GOD of hosts.” Jeremiah 2:12, 17 – 19

The prophet is speaking to God’s people, not to the heathen, not to the lost, not to the unbelieving – He is speaking to His people! In turning from the Lord we commit an evil that affects us deeply. This evil is compounded when we attempt to sustain ourselves by our own works! “Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.” (Hebrews 3:12).

Sin, like interest paid by a bank, compounds itself. This sin, this evil, of turning from the Lord, is fool hardy in that the believing nation (as well as individuals) turns from the only one genuine Source of Living Water! (John 7:37 – 39). In our turning away from Him, we then need to find a source of living water and hence we endeavor to find acceptance, love, and fulfillment from within ourselves or from others. All such sources of fulfillment prove empty and are temporary at best.

“O foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you...? Did you receive the Spirit by the works of law *or by your own deeds*, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now made perfect by the flesh?” (Galatians 3:1 – 3).

And what you my friend? Isn’t it time to come back to Jesus and His life giving waters? That old stale bottled water has no real taste to it, let alone any real life in it!

“If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.” (John 7:37).

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