

Satan "Lest" maybe some preach like that,
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Adam & Eve rejected word of Satan's lie -

3. The people regarded the law as a thing outgrown, out of keeping with the spirit of the age.

(1) Some say, "O, it is a wonderful book."

(2) But they will not let it be binding in its authority.

4. These people had ignored and failed to feel the force of of the authority of the teachings of the Bible. By many, to ignore the plain messages of the Bible is considered a light thing.

Knowledge is dangerous if rejected Rom 1.

Reject Authority = "Oh, yes I know - won't hear the message - won't obey."

5. To many the Bible is a stranger--know nothing about it, care nothing about it. "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge."

Rom 1:28 - "Did not like to retain & in their knowledge - Didn't surrender to the knowledge - Dangerous to know & not act."

6. This is the first sin, the foundation, for other sins. what is your attitude toward this book? 1 John 2: "keep my commandments." a sign of salvation

II. IT BREAKS GOD'S HEART WHEN HIS PEOPLE DESECRATE HIS WORSHIP.

Hosea 8:13 - "They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it; but the Lord accepteth them not; now will He remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt."

1. The priests could eat the sacrifice, ~~not~~ the people. But here everyone was eating. They sacrificed only to eat. They were more interested in eating than in worshiping! They were not interested in LOYALTY to God.

(2) They sacrifice just to have an opportunity to eat--it was MERE FORM. Their purpose was not to seek forgiveness or express their Thanks - could not

(3) The SPIRIT of worship was not present, they just desired the material benefits.

2. The people came with a hypocritical appearance of worship. But their real purpose was just to feast. The Lord will not accept such worship.

3. They thought they were doing God a favor--not the proper spirit--no submission, yielding. We are that way. We pray that way--mere form.

Hypocrisy - Pretense - Acts 5 - Ananias & Sapphira
The sin of pretense - Did not speak a lie but acted a lie. one commits the sin of Ananias when he tries to make it appear that he is something which he is not. Take liberty with things of God - corrupt purity of Church.



III. IT BREAKS GOD'S HEART WHEN HIS PEOPLE ARE UNSTABLE IN THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Hosea 6:4-"...for your goodness is as a morning cloud, as the early dew it goeth away."

1. He is not talking here about their sins, but their goodness. Even their goodness has become sin.

2. goodness: bow the neck, submission--they come and humble themselves, submit, dedicate., etc. But it is like a morning cloud or dew that disappears early.

3. What is wrong with a morning cloud or dew?

Beautiful to see people walking the aisle

(1) They are beautiful--very excellent, beautiful rainbow colors, and heavenly glory, liquid flowers, etc.

(2) But--they are useless. They will not produce a harvest. They dissipate before they can produce permanent results. Extinguished by the heat of the sun.

(3) After making a show in the bright morning light, they are soon sucked up by the hot sun. SHORT-LIVE GOODNESS.

4. Christians that are not stable in right living. This is one of the greatest hindrances to the cause of Christ--men and women professing the name of Christ will not stick to their appointed duties.

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IV. IT BREAKS GOD'S HEART WHEN HIS PEOPLE COMMIT IDOLATRY

Define the principle of Idolatry

to bless them but they serve only to cut them off

Hosea 8:4-"...of their silver and gold have they made them idols." This has always been one of their greatest sins.

Bible says more about this sin.

1. Idolatry is by no means dead. We are still saturated with it. Withholding anything from God is idolatry.

Idolatry is never religious

2. Covetousness is idolatry. There is a great danger today of becoming covetous. With the mad rush for material things, with the financial basis that men have fixed for everything, the selfish tendencies of the heart--there is idolatry.

3. "Cut off." Idolatry can only result in the nation's ruin--it is inevitable, as though they had deliberately planned it.

Love of sin keeps from service

V. IT BREAKS GOD'S HEART WHEN HIS PEOPLE SEEK EARTHLY HELP, RATHER THAN THE HELP OF GOD.

mislead

Hosea 8:14-"For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities."

Hosea 7:11-"Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria,"

1. The word means; to mislay. They have not forgotten God-- they have mislaid Him--neglected Him.

2. Everyone wants security-- but they look to other things. They try it without God.

3. This is one of the most common sins in the lives of God's people. In a day of recognized need they seek help elsewhere before turning to Him who is the source of all help. They try their own efforts, then seek assistance outside. Finally, as a last resort, they sometimes turn to God.

"There is now no place to go except to the Lord."

4. This is the sin of America. Nothing else can help but God.

*Then when trouble comes = mislead
"I know it around here somewhere."*

VI.

IT BREAKS GOD'S HEART WHEN WE FORGET HIM IN A DAY OF PROSPERITY.

8:14-
Hosea 13:5,6-"I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. According to their pasture, so were they filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me." *They repaid God's love & faithfulness with disloyalty.*

1. Long before Moses had warned them of this sin--Deut. 6.

2. The record of God's people has been a record of forgetting God in prosperous times.

Did anyone else care about you? Or for you?

3. I knew you in the wilderness: God knows His people where nobody else will take notice of them.

Prodigal Son

(1) Hosea and Gomer: who would have noticed Gomer in the slave market? Hosea did, brought her and took her home. God knows us when all else have forgotten.

(2) This is what God did in salvation.

Does a bride forget her ring? (Jer.)

(3) The wilderness experience was a striking evidence of God's loving kindness--God filled them, their heart was filled with pride and they became unthankful for the plenty God had given them--proud, obstinate.

(4) We forget our greatest benefactor, neglect His commandments, abandon His worship.

Time for everything else

④ Hosea says that God carefully scrutinizes their daily schedules, but finds Himself left out. — *list of activities*

5:4 — *she will not frame their doings to turn into their debt*

5. God fills the pasture—then they say He is no longer needed, but the pasture empties and they starve.

fill the garage, the deep-freeze, the bank —

6. Forgotten--what words in the presence of the goodness and mercy of God.

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