

What Fault Did You Find?

Text: Jeremiah 2:5-8

1. In our Scripture text this morning we find that God's people have turned their back on God and gone their separate way, leaving the Living God to serve other gods that cannot help them. (Psalm 115:3-11)
2. God, through the prophet Jeremiah, is asking the Israelites some very pointed questions.
3. The questions that are asked of the Israelites really comes down to whom is at fault!
4. The questions that are asked of the Israelites points to a very deep seated heart problem that they had.
5. The same questions can be asked of us today, what fault do you find in the Living God?

We find in these Scriptures some very pointed questions are asked and it behooves each and every one of us to meditate upon what OUR answers would be to the questions.

I. What injustice do you see that God has done, that you leave Him? (v5)

- A. A question to the Israelites during the time of the prophet Jeremiah, and;
- B. A question for those who have left the Lord throughout the years, and even today is a very relevant question!

i. What has He done to you?

1. Is it God's fault?

a. Many like to fault God, but we must remember it is each and every one of us that are **RESPONSIBLE** for **OUR OWN** actions.

b. God is always where He has always been, it is us who move away from Him.

ii. **Don't you remember what He has done for you?** (Ephesians 2:11-13)

1. Separated you from the world in that He became your Father. (1 Peter 1:3-5)
2. Forgiven your sins at your baptism - removed your sins from as far as the east from the west. (Acts 2:38; 103:12)

3. Blessed you with many spiritual blessings.
(Ephesians 1:3)
 4. Given you His Spirit to reside within you - helping you (Acts 2:38;5:32)
 5. Given you love, joy, peace.... (Galatians 5:22-23)
 6. Given you a *peace that passes all understanding* (Philippians 4:7)
 7. A promise of eternal life in heaven by remaining faithful (1 Peter 1:9; Revelation 2:10)
 - iii. Remember what He will do or is doing to you now by leaving Him?
 1. Chastisement (Revelation 3:19)
 - a. Because of His love (Hebrews 12:6)
 - b. Because He wants you to repent (2 Peter 3:9; Luke 13:3)
 2. Withholding blessings (Deuteronomy 28:1, 2; Proverbs 28:20; Malachi 2:2)
- C. A very relevant question for us today that are thinking about leaving the Lord... *'Is it I' - words spoken by the disciples as they were told that one of them was going to betray Jesus (Matthew 26:21, 22)*
- D. A very relevant question today for those who have never known the Lord - *What injustice has God done unto you?*

II. What fault do you find in God leading you, that you do not like His pathway? (v6)

- C. A path that was established by His Son Jesus Christ and His Blood (John 14:6; Romans 5:8, 9)
- D. A path that leads to righteousness (Psalm 16:11, 23:3; Proverbs 12:28)
- E. A path that is well lit by Jesus Christ (Luke 20:21; John 8:12)
- F. A path that leads to eternal life in heaven (Romans 5:21; 1 Peter 1:3-5)

Conclusion:

1. The fault must be placed where it belongs, and that is 'US' *individually*.
 - a. For we alone are responsible for bad choices that we make - it is not God's fault.

- b. It is called responsibility - each and every one of us make choices daily - you notice it is our choice - hopefully and prayfully we make the right choices but sometimes we make some **real bad** choices as ones who have left the "*Living God*" to return into the world.
 - i. Knowing:
 - 1. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God (Hebrews 10:31; 2 Peter 2:20-22)
 - 2. A day of judgment awaits **ALL** and each and every one of us is accountable for our actions (Hebrews 9:27; 1 Peter 4:17)
 - 2. The question that is left with each and every one of us today is, **IF** we leave God our Creator or we are contemplating it and turn back into the world: "**What Fault Did You Find In God?**"
 - 3. God calls all to repentance (Acts 17:30) so that none should perish (2 Peter 3:9)