

IF YE CAN FIND A MAN

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THE CONDITIONS OF OUR DAY (Jeremiah 5:2-9)

"And though they say, The LORD liveth; surely they swear falsely." (Vs 2)

- Those who call themselves Christian will not clearly condemn specific sins because they don't want to offend anybody or hurt someone's feelings.
- **"They swear falsely."** They say they're Christians though they are not. They don't go to church. They don't fellowship with Christians. They live like any unsaved person lives.
 - If you're a Christian, you are a new creature (2 Cor 5:17). We were foolish, deceived, living wicked lives (Titus 3:3), but after that...we were careful to maintain good works (Titus 3:8).
 - God knows who belongs to Him and who doesn't. His **"eyes are upon the truth."** (vs 3)

"...thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved...they have refused to receive correction." (vs 3)

- God attempts to get the attention of nations via weather changes and disasters that affect the food supply. People even call these "acts of God," but it doesn't affect the way they live.
- God may send a crimewave or a pandemic to get people to turn to Him, but they harden their hearts instead. **"They have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return."**

Vs 4-5 "The great men" ought to know "the way of the LORD." The political, educational, and spiritual leadership of a nation should be proclaiming the "judgment of their God."

- The political leadership only cares about money and power.
- The educational leadership is teaching immorality instead of righteousness.
- The spiritual leadership who **"have known the way of the LORD"** aren't teaching the word of God. They are criticizing and correcting the Bible which destroys the faith of the students. Preachers are living sinful worldly lives and refuse to preach against sin.

Vs 6 Here is what happens when the spiritual leadership is weak and rebellious:

- **"A lion...shall slay them."** This is the roaring lion that walketh about seeking whom he may devour (1 Pet 5:8). God gives Satan access to those who are not living right.
- **"And a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them."** Grievous wolves will creep in and ruin your church (Acts 20:29) if the pastor will not stand for the truth of God.
- **"A leopard shall watch over their cities."** This is a picture of the Antichrist and his false religious system that will one day overrun all the churches in this world.

Vs 7 "Thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods." Children are encouraged to give reverence to sports "stars," movie "stars," and musical "stars." Most of these idols are ungodly and will lead young people into sinful activities.

"...when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery." God's blessings are ignored to make it easier to commit the sin of adultery.

- **Adultery:** engaging in any type of physical conduct with another person that you are not married to. This is still a sin today. Unfaithfulness and disobedience to God is what makes it a sin. Sex within marriage is not a sin (Heb 13:4). God invented it, so you have to follow His instructions. If you don't, **"whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."**

They “**assembled...in the harlots’ houses.**” You may not go to her house, but you pay to see her take her clothes off on the satellite TV or porn magazines. Do you look after a woman to lust after her? Jesus said that is adultery (Matthew 5:28). Why? Because your eye affects your heart (Lam 3:51)

Vs 8 “Every one neighed after his neighbour’s wife.”

- Flirting is a sin against God, unfaithfulness to your spouse, and disrespect for the spouse of the one you are flirting with.

Vs 9 God will visit such a (sinful) nation and “**be avenged**” for their sinful acts. They shall be punished.

- **Psalm 9:17** All the nations that forget Go shall be turned into hell.
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GOD’S SOLUTION FOR THE CONDITION OF OUR DAY (Jeremiah 5:1).

“If ye can find a man...that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth...”

- When you stand for God’s truth, your presence holds back God’s hand of judgment where you live: God says, “**I will pardon it.**”
 - It matters how you live! Your stand for God’s truth is important for your church, your family, and your nation.

The example of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 18:16-33).

God spared Lot, his wife, and his daughters from hail fire upon Sodom. He would have spared the city of Sodom if He’d have found ten righteous people there.

The example of the great flood in Noah’s day (Gen 7:7-10)

God wanted to destroy mankind with a great flood because they had no regard for Him. He found one righteous man (Noah), whom He instructed to build an ark.

- Noah’s presence on earth held back God’s hand of judgment until he was safe on the ark.

The example of the Ten Plagues and the safe Exodus of Hebrew nation from Egypt (Exodus 14:21-31)

- One faithful man (Moses) successfully led a whole nation out of bondage.

The example of Elijah and the prophets of Baal in the days of Ahab and Jezebel (1 Kings 18).

- One faithful man delivered the nation from the evil dictates of a wicked king.

The example of Jonathan defeating thousands of Philistine enemy soldiers (1 Samuel 14)

- One faithful man ran an enemy army out of his nation.
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