

Going Against Wind and Tide Lessons from the Prophet Jeremiah Spiritual Whoredom (#5/6)

I. The Covenant of Marriage and Our Relationship with God

Gen. 2:18-24

- A. God creates marriage as an intimate covenant relationship, as an inviolable one flesh union.
 - 1. A helper corresponding to him
 - 2. Leaving and cleaving
- B. The purpose for which God created this covenant marriage was to reflect His own relationship with His people, which He has described as an intimate covenant marriage.
 - 1. God's redemption and covenant with His people "joined them together."
 - 2. Explicitly stated Isa. 54:5; 1 Cor. 6:15-17; Eph. 5:22ff.
 - 3. The nature of sin (idolatry) becomes revealed through the infidelity and whoredom metaphors
Ex. 34:11-16; Deut. 31:36; Judges 2:16-17
Hosea; Ezek. 16/23

II. Judah's Whoredom in Jeremiah (2:1-37)

- A. The Young, Devoted Bride (2:1-3)
 - 1. the devotion of your youth
 - 2. the love of your betrothals
 - 3. faithful following
 - 4. Holy to the LORD
 - 5. Protected by the LORD
- B. The Unfaithful Bride (4-13)
 - 1. The apostasy is widespread! (4)
 - 2. The apostasy is genetic! (5ab)
 - 3. The apostasy is unwarranted! (5a)
 - 4. The apostasy is due to forgetfulness and ingratitude (6-7)
 - 5. The apostasy of the clergy (8)
 - 6. God's covenant lawsuit (9-13)
 - The complaint
 - The charge
 - The heinousness of the sin (12-13)

- C. The Consequences of the Bride's Idolatry (14-19)
 - 1. Israel's position is that of a son, not a slave! (14)
 - 2. Assyria and Egypt have made them prey (15-16)
 - 3. They have brought this on themselves! (17-18)
 - 4. Sin becomes the judgment for sin (19)

- D. The Bride's Whoredom Exposed (20-28)
 - 1. No excuse (20-21)
 - 2. Lady McBeth syndrome (22)
 - 3. The she-camel/wild donkey in heat (23-24)
 - 4. Addicted to whoredom (25)
 - 5. Embarrassment and shame (26-28)

- E. The Bride's Just Desserts (29-37)
 - 1. The bride's frivolous law-suit (29)
 - 2. Rejection of the Lord's correction (30)
 - 3. Rejection of the LORD's kindness (31)
 - 4. Forgetting her covenant (32)
 - 5. Setting her course of "love" (33)
 - 6. Hands that shed innocent blood (34-35)
 - 7. Captivity awaits! (36-37)

III. Whoredom in the Church?

IV. Our Whoredom