



“Spiritual Contamination”

Your Walk Compromised

Genesis 38:1-30

Spiritual contamination through:

I. Joining - “turned into a certain Adullamite” (vs. 1-11)

Being affected by :

- A. **Companions** - “whose name was Hirah”
- B. **Cultures** - “saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite”
- C. **Complacency** - “Er...wicked in the sight of the Lord”

II. Justifying - “And in process of time” (vs. 12-23)

Being acquitted because of:

- A. **Loneliness** - “Judah’s wife died”
- B. **Loss** - “she was not given unto him to wife”
- C. **Legality** - “lest we be shamed”

III. Judging - “she is with child by whoredom” (vs. 24-30)

Being assumptive as to :

- A. **Guiltiness** - “Bring her forth and let her be burnt”
- B. **Goodness** - “She hath been more righteous than I”
- C. **Greatness** - “his name was called Pharez”

Sentence Sermon:

“Spiritual contamination is anything that draws us away from a close relationship with God.”

Additional Verses

- **Zephaniah 3:1-2**
- **Deuteronomy 25:5-10**
- **Genesis 34:2; 49:8-12**
- **Ruth 4:12**
- **Matthew 1:2-6**
- **Luke 3:33-38**
- **Deuteronomy 7:7-8**
- **Matthew 3:9**
- **John 8:33**
- **Romans 5:12; 8:28**
- **Philippians 1:6**
- **Ephesians 5:11-12**
- **Song of Solomon 8:6**
- **I Samuel 22:1**
- **Galatians 6:14**
- **John 15:19; 17:14**
- **I John 4:5**

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. How does this chapter color the last and next few chapters?
4. Why is the name of Judah’s wife omitted?
5. What does verse 14 tell us about Judah’s state of mind?
6. What does verse 18 tell us about Tamar’s interest & motivation?
7. Why is Hirah called Judah’s friend in verses 12 & 20?
8. How is the birth and lineage of Pharez an encouragement to you?
9. What is most shocking to you about this story?
10. What do you think is the moral of the story?