

# A Tale of Two Mountains

Isaiah 57:7-13

**i. God \_\_\_\_\_ the Faithless (v 8)**

- prostitute
- paganize
- perfume
- potent

**ii. God \_\_\_\_\_ the Fraudulent (v 12)**

- purpose
- profit
- party

**iii. God \_\_\_\_\_ the Faithful (v 13b)**

- place
- possess

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**Study:** When was your last mountaintop experience with God?

1. How verses 7-10 like a list of charges against Israel?
2. What main charge did God make against Israel and why (v 7, Ho 4:12)?
3. How had Israel replaced or forgotten God (v 8, De 6:4-9, Mt 6:24)?
4. How far did Israel go in prostituting herself (v 9, Ez 23:36-42, Is 39:1-4)?
5. How does idol-worship energize a worshipper like an addiction (v 10 contra Ps 73:26)?
6. What 3 ways were God's people unfaithful and why (v 11, Ex 32:11-14)?
7. Why will God NOT justify some religious people (v 12, Ro 5:1, Mt 13:24-30, Re 20:12)?
8. What is the end of all who challenge God's glory (v 13a, Is 6:3, 1 Kn 18:20-40)?
9. What do the faithful—by contrast to the unfaithful—do and why (v 13b, Ps 46:1-2)?
10. What two mountains are compared (vv 7, 13b)? What is promised (13b, He 12:18-24)?

## Apply

1. Why is sensuality in Christian worship dangerous (vv 7-10, Ga 5:19-21, 1 Jn 2:15-16)?
2. How are justification and judgment similar yet very different (v 12, Ro 5:1, Re 20:12)?
3. What is the difference in asking and crying out to God for help (v 13a)?

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4. On which mountain do you live and worship (vv 7 & 13, He 12:18-24)?

## **Pray**

Pray that by faith we will forsake our idols and take refuge in God.