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Jeremiah 2:7, “*And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.*”

The second chapter of Jeremiah tells how the people of God chose situations much worse for them than what the LORD had blessed them with. The people were brought into a plentiful country that the LORD had blessed them with, but yet they defiled it. They were not content to accept and enjoy the blessings of the LORD. They defiled the land and the blessings by going after strange gods and marrying out of their tribes.

We are told in Jeremiah 2:8, “*The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.*” The LORD gave them all they needed in their land, but they walked after things that had no profit.

We all want the things we do to not be in vain, but if we are following after anything other than the LORD, then our time here has

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no profit. It is all for naught.

Verse 11 tells us, “*Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.*” They had glory if they served the LORD, but they changed that glory into something that had no profit. We are told twice in Revelation 21 that the kings of the earth bring their glory into Heaven. We learn from Revelation 5:10 that we are the kings of the Earth. When we forsake the LORD we give up the glory that we would have had forever in Heaven.

Jeremiah 2:13 says, “*For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.*” By forsaking the LORD they were giving up living water.

It’s easy, if we are not careful, to forget how wonderful our blessing of water is here. I grew up at a time when we had no running water. The water we used had to be rain water collected in a barrel or in a cistern. There were some very dry years when people had to go and try to find water from springs or whatever source they could. Now days we simply turn on a faucet and have our choice of cold or hot water and any temperature in between. The water is sparkling clean, tastes wonderful, is affordable, and for all practical purposes is an endless supply.

How foolish it would be to decide to get rid of running water and go back to collecting water not only in cisterns, but in broken cisterns. Not only would such not hold water, but dirt and contaminants would seep in and make the water undrinkable.

They had done this with the living water which is the LORD. They were giving up this water for broken cisterns that could hold no water.

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Rachel Riffle, Ellie Riffle, Linda Terry, Sandy Duncan, Larry Compton and Clay Bozarth.**

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Jesus spoke of this living water in John 4. When the woman came to the well to draw water, we are told in John 4:10, “*Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.*”

This woman came to get physical water, but Jesus offered her living water. This water quenches spiritual thirst. When we drink of this water, we’ll never thirst again. John 4:13-14, “¹³*Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: ¹⁴But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*” Just like the people of Jeremiah 2, if we forsake the LORD we are giving up living fountains of water. This is water that springs up into everlasting life.

The people of Jeremiah’s time had not only given up all these blessings from the LORD, they had turned their backs to the LORD. Jeremiah 2:27, “*Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.*” They had turned their backs to the LORD to worship wood and stone. They would cry to their false gods in time of trouble, but we are told in the next verse, “*But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.*”

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Sunday, April 23, 2023		
Classes	17	Mark 7:9-37
Preaching	32	Luke 2:25-38
Contribution	\$1313.00	
Evening	10	Jonah 2:1-3:5
Wednesday, April 26, 2023		
Classes	10	II Thessalonians 5:1-28

Bible Quiz

Nineveh was a great city of what size?

Last Week’s Answer— Nineveh (Jonah 1:2)

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The LORD told them to call upon these false gods if they could arise and help them. They of course could not. They had forsaken all when they forsook the LORD. Let’s learn from this and follow the LORD in every way all of our days. The blessings are more than we can imagine and will follow us into Heaven.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)