



Signs of the Times

When Greed Becomes “Good”

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INTRODUCTION

- Jeremiah 5:14-31

1. THE LORD PROCLAIMS JUDGMENT

- The word of the Lord is _____—Jeremiah 5:14
- The devouring sword is _____—Jeremiah 5:15-17
- The limit—Jeremiah 5:18, 4:27, 5:10.

Key Question: Why has the Lord God done all this to us?

2. FOOLISH PEOPLE WITH STUBBORN ATTITUDES

- Foolish people: No _____ of God—Proverbs 1:7
- Wickedness runs amok while oppressing the _____. The entire society is mired in dishonesty and greed—Jeremiah 5:1, 6:13.

Key Question: How can God not punish such a people?

3. COLLUSION IN DELUSION

- Prophets and priests are _____.
- False prophecy always requires _____ listeners—2 Timothy 3:13.
Key Question: How will they deal with the disastrous consequences?
- What’s the real tragedy? A religion of lies and a politics of lies require people who prefer to live in a world of lies, rather than facing up to the truth; these people love to have it so, but when they claim to be God’s people, it is unbearably tragic—2 Timothy 4:1-5.
- Ungodly alliance—Jeremiah 6:13.

WHEN GREED BECOMES “GOOD”

- “Silence in the face of evil is the same as evil itself.” ~Bonhoeffer
- The church of Jesus Christ in the west must wake up, shake itself from its long stupor, and take Jesus’ commission to heart—Matthew 28:19-20, Matthew 5:13-16