

LIFE IN THE WORD

SERIES:

DRINKING FROM

BROKEN CISTERNS

SCRIPTURE

LESSON:

JEREMIAH 2:11-13

JEREMIAH 2:11-13, HAS ANY NATION EVER EXCHANGED GODS? (THEIR GODS AREN'T REALLY GODS.) YET, MY PEOPLE HAVE EXCHANGED THEIR GLORY FOR SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T HELP THEM. BE HORRIFIED OVER THIS, HEAVEN. BE TERRIBLY AFRAID," DECLARES THE LORD. "MY PEOPLE HAVE DONE TWO THINGS WRONG. THEY HAVE ABANDONED ME, THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE-GIVING WATER. THEY HAVE ALSO DUG THEIR OWN CISTERNS, BROKEN CISTERNS THAT CAN'T HOLD WATER.

**JEREMIAH 2:13 (NKJV), FOR MY PEOPLE HAVE
COMMITTED TWO EVILS: THEY HAVE FORSAKEN ME,
THE FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATERS, AND HEWN
THEMSELVES CISTERNS—BROKEN CISTERNS THAT
CAN HOLD NO WATER.**

**LESSON TWO:
THE BROKEN CISTERNS OF MATERIALISM**

**“SUCCESS IS ONLY SWEET TO THOSE WHO NEVER
SUCCEEDED.”**

EMILY DICKINSON

**MATERIALISM IS DEFINED AS “THE PREOCCUPATION
WITH MATERIAL THINGS RATHER THAN
INTELLECTUAL OR SPIRITUAL THINGS.”**

**OBSESSION OF MATERIAL THINGS ARE DANGEROUS
FOR TWO REASONS:**

- 1. IT IS SINFUL AND DISPLEASES TO GOD.**
- 2. WE ARE EASILY DRAWN IN BY THE
DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH.**

**WE CANNOT SERVE BOTH GOD AND MONEY.
LUKE 16:13**

**WHOEVER LOVES MONEY NEVER HAS MONEY
ENOUGH; WHOEVER LOVES WEALTH IS NEVER
SATISFIED WITH HIS INCOME.
ECCLESIASTES 5:10**

**FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. FOR
THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN.
ECCLESIASTES 12:13**

SEVEN DANGERS OF MATERIALISM:

**LESSON ONE:
SUBSTITUTING GOD FOR IDOLS**

**1. MATERIALISM PREVENTS OR DESTROYS OUR
SPIRITUAL LIFE.
REVELATION 3:17-18**

**2. MATERIALISM BLINDS US TO THE CURSES OF
WEALTH.
MARK 10:23-25**

3. MATERIALISM BRINGS US UNHAPPINESS AND ANXIETY.

4. MATERIALISM ENDS IN ULTIMATE FUTILITY.

**I DENIED MYSELF NOTHING MY EYES DESIRED; I
REFUSED MY HEART NO PLEASURE.
ECCLESIASTES 2:10**

**ECCLESIASTES 2:11, WHEN I SURVEYED ALL
THAT MY HANDS HAD DONE AND WHAT I HAD
TOILED TO ACHIEVE, EVERYTHING WAS
MEANINGLESS, A CHASING AFTER THE WIND;
NOTHING WAS GAINED UNDER THE SUN.**

5. MATERIALISM CONCEALS MANY OF THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE.

**ISAIAH 55:1, COME, ALL YOU WHO ARE THIRSTY,
COME TO THE WATERS; AND YOU WHO HAVE NO
MONEY, COME, BUY, AND EAT! COME, BUY WINE
AND MILK WITHOUT MONEY AND WITHOUT COST.**

**WHOEVER IS THIRSTY, LET HIM COME; AND
WHOEVER WISHES, LET HIM TAKE THE FREE GIFT
OF THE WATER OF LIFE.**

REVELATION 22:17

**6. MATERIALISM CREATES INDEPENDENCE AND
SELF-SUFFICIENCY.**

**7. MATERIALISM FOSTERS IMMORALITY AND THE
DETERIORATION OF THE FAMILY.**

**"GOD IS ALWAYS TRYING TO GIVE GOOD THINGS TO
US, BUT OUR HANDS ARE TOO FULL TO RECEIVE
THEM."**

FOLLOW UP CHAT QUESTIONS:

- 1. WHAT WERE THE TWO EVILS ISRAEL COMMITTED?**
- 2. WHAT IS THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF BROKEN CISTERNS?**
- 3. WHY DO WE OFTEN REFUSE WHAT GOD WANTS TO GIVE US?**
- 4. HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE MATERIALISM?**
- 5. LIST THE SEVEN DANGERS OF MATERIALISM. EXPLAIN**
- 6. "MATERIALISM IS THE MOTHER OF ANXIETY" HOW SO?**
- 7. WHAT SCRIPTURE COMES TO MIND REGARDING MATERIALISM?**