

"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." Jeremiah 2:13 KJV

Israel didn't just forsake their Deliverer and Protector. They pursued false gods and gave them of their substance. They burned their babies in fire to Molech, gave gold and silver to the priests of Baal, and worshipped graven idols outside the Temple of God. How foolish is it to cut a tree, use part of it for firewood, and carve an image of worship out of the other? *"He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it. Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto."* How deluded must one be to think that wood or metal could do anything for them, much less even begin to convey the express image of an omnipotent Creator? Who Walked on water? Stilled a storm? Healed a leper? Rose from the dead? Stories of stone statues and paintings bleeding somehow makes them worthy of worship while the Living Saviour Who Shed Every Drop of His Precious Blood is scorned, neglected, and forgotten! Believers are guilty of the same *"two evils."* They forsake their Deliverer for the cares and prosperity of this present evil world! They proclaim Christ while their lives defame Him! They are more concerned with paycheck and popularity than with prayer and piety; more concerned with acquisition than dedication! Many believers give the excuse they are providing an inheritance for their posterity. They procure perishable temporal possessions for their children and while they are working their fingers to the bone to do that, their children are seduced by the world, because they watch their parents pursuing the same thing everyone else is – mammon! Faithful Church attendance will do nothing to procure a Godly inheritance for your children if your life doesn't prove by action and practice that a relationship with Jesus Christ is more important than daily sustenance! How many are trapped in the world's philosophy of "Take care of #1 first!"? *"What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"* If believers talk, act, and live the same way as the world, where is their witness? We go hungry because we place good food in front of wooden statues. We give our gold and silver to false priests and serve vain traditions of men. We thirst, because we forsook the Fountain of the Water of Life to build dry and broken cisterns. If you can't save your eternal soul, what makes you think you can do better than God to provide your daily needs? We are taught to pray, *"Give us THIS DAY our DAILY bread."*



Like way ward sheep we go astray,
We turn each one to his own way,
We think to find a greener path,
Forsaking all our Saviour hath. –CGP

Your life must face the Cross when persuading men to turn towards God! Don't camouflage Righteousness with sin to fit in! God Hates neutrality! *"Because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I Will Spue thee out of My Mouth."* You either serve God or you serve mammon. *"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."* Who is your master? Who or what do you really love? Your life reveals your heart.

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15 KJV