

Job

How Do We Know What We Think We Know?

Sunday School Lesson #16

- I. JOB MIRRORED THE PLIGHT OF THE FUTURE JEWISH NATION
 - A. They would constantly be afflicted when they turned from God (Deuteronomy-Second Chronicles {This includes several Major and Minor Prophets})
 - B. They would, after the Babylonian Captivity, turn God into their national idol (Ezra, Nehemiah and several Minor Prophets {Malachi being the most confronting})

- II. JOB MIRRORS THE PLIGHT OF THE CHURCHES (EARTHLY INSTITUTIONS)
 - A. The churches are composed of individuals
 - 1. Lost who seek to destroy the churches
 - 2. False professing people who “think” they are saved, but are not
 - 3. Those who are saved
 - a) These are varying states of spiritual maturity
 - b) Of these only a small portion are actively seeking to grow in spiritual maturity
 - B. These churches, individuals, have been aptly described in Revelation chapters two and three
 - 1. Some remain in the churches to turn the church apostate (Cults) (Pergamum and Thyatira)
 - 2. Some leave, returning to the world (Atheists) (Sardis)
 - 3. Some cling to Christ but pay a heavy price and are viewed as weak, insignificant, by the world (Smyrna and Philadelphia)
 - 4. Unfortunately, the vast majority of individuals make “God” their idol and blithely worship a god in their image (Religion, works-based) (Ephesus and Laodicea)

- III. WHICH ARE YOU?
 - A. No one willingly sees themselves as:
 - 1. Spiritually immoral
 - 2. Spiritually blind
 - 3. Spiritually immature due to being trapped by the cares and foibles of this world

- B. The Hagiazo Process along with the witness of those who have overcome to know the truth and the direct intervention of God reveals to those He loves the truth of their spirituality
 - 1. No one willingly judges himself so the Hagiazo Process forces one to evaluate themselves — Judge yourself by your “fruit”
 - 2. Everyone too readily examines others to appear “righteous” which is actually Pharisaical religion
 - C. God does not deal with those who are outside so if you are not experiencing the Hagiazo Process by what do you evaluate your salvation, spiritual experience
- IV. SO, HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU THINK YOU KNOW?