



“Influences”

From Among Us
Deuteronomy 13:12-18

The influence of:

I. Corruption – “If you shall hear” (vs. 12-13)

Corruption from the:

- A. Ungrateful** – “which the Lord thy God has given thee”
- B. Unbelieving** – “certain men, the children of Belial”
- C. Unreliable** - “saying, Let us go and serve other gods”

II. Correction – “it shall not be built again” (vs. 14-16)

Correction requiring:

- A. Diligence** - “thou enquire and make search and ask diligently”
- B. Discernment** – “if it be truth, and the thing is certain”
- C. Deterrence** – “it shall be a heap forever”

III. Cleaving – “shall cleave nought of the cursed thing” (vs.17-18)

Cleaving to God’s:

- A. Mercy** – “show thee mercy and have compassion upon thee”
- B. Message** – “When thou shall hearken to the voice of the Lord”
- C. Morals** – “that which is right in the eyes of the Lord thy God”

Sentence Sermon

*We are all subject to being influenced,
the only question is who will we allow to influence us.*

Additional Verses

- **James 4:7**
- **Deuteronomy 4:15-19**
- **II Corinthians 6:14-18**
- **I Corinthians 12:3**
- **Ephesians 5:18-20**
- **I Kings 11:4**
- **Genesis 3:1-5**
- **Hebrews 10:24-25**
- **Ezekiel 22:30**
- **Proverbs 13:20**

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. How would you describe the responsibility of the “hearers” in verse 12?
4. What’s the responsibility of Christians in today’s church who hear things?
5. What does being a child of Belial communicate about a person?
6. Why do you think v. 14 gives such a description of the correction process?
7. Why are the cattle included in the judgment of the city?
8. Why is so important that the city remain in ruins forever?
9. What makes something a “cursed thing?”
10. What did it mean to “cleave nought of the cursed thing?” And today?
11. How does verse 18 frame what we should consider right and wrong?