

From the Heart of the Tribe of Reuben



“Judah has gone into captivity, under affliction and hard servitude; She dwells among the nations, she finds no rest; all her persecutors overtake her in dire straits.” - Lamentations 1: 3

Oh how the burdens and bondage we place on ourselves trying to dwell amongst our carnal brethren and living a worldly life, with all its worldly pleasures, and all the worldly sin that crops in because of it. I only have to read the story of Lot in the Book of Genesis chapter 13 to see the sad outcome that transpired because of Lot's desire to pitch his tent towards Sodom.

Though he found worldly prosperity there, he overlooked, and even accepted their sins in order to achieve earthly gain. Like a snare, he found the bait too enticing to resist, and in the end he would offer his daughters to sin, losing his wife to sin, and he himself be brought into sin. There is pleasure for a short season, but in the end brings death.

Rest is far from me when I seek for my own accursed ways. I find no lasting comfort amongst the house of sinners. The quiet places have all been overturned with sorrow, and there is no place left where the Lord is sought. Sin boldly walks where once godly men stood. Their sins became their constant companion, and encircled those mindful places where God once dwelt. The water that once boiled became ever too comfortable.

The bones of my strength are broken when I dwell in sin. The weakness of my soul confounds my spirit when it lusts for the pleasures of this world. It accepts what is right in its own sight and forsaking what is good and right in the eyes of God. Turn my ways from what is common on earth, and turn my eyes to those things that are common in heaven.

Therefore let us separate ourselves from those things that are not of God, and move towards the desire of our Lord Jesus Christ. Be a peculiar people to the world, but be familiar to one another through our love for each other, and our love towards our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For there is no hiding place but the Lord Himself. Amen.

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