



Day 12 “Spiritual Selfie Soul Searching”

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Key Verse: Jeremiah 5:21-22 ” *Should you not fear me?” declares the LORD. “Should you not tremble in my presence?”*

Likely most of us have either used, or watched others use, cell phones to take self-made photos. It is intriguing to watch people continually snapping photos, and deleting them until they take one that gives a good portrayal of themselves.

Scripture speaks pointedly to us indicating we are unwise if we do not like what we see in ourselves but walk away and do nothing to change. (James 1:23). In Jeremiah 5 the LORD shows us His displeasure if we ignore what is not pleasing to Him, and the folly of not recognizing His presence and power. We are told that we are a people with “eyes but do not see and have ears but do not hear.” The Lord is highly displeased when arrogance and self-sufficiency reign in our lives. Paul, in Romans 3, clarifies to the Jewish believers that ALL cultures and races, both Jews and Gentiles are in need of Christ’s redemption. No one can claim to be better than others. In Old Testament times the sacrifices performed merely COVERED the sins of the people until the right time when God would send His Son, and once and for all, remove sin. An unblemished and untarnished Church describes Christ’s bride, prepared to meet Him having been purged from all ungodliness. Arrogance and self-sufficiency have no place in reflecting God’s nature. Constant spiritual re-evaluation is necessary if we would reflect His glory. We err if we are insensitive and are deceived in our thinking if we do not allow His Spirit to change us daily.

This Lenten season is a good time for some spiritual (selfie) soul searching. Only Christ can exchange our weaknesses and failures for His all-sufficiency and His glory.

Scriptures: Psalm 75, Jeremiah 5:20-31, Romans 3:19-31, James 1:23