

DON'T BE SATISFIED WITH LESSER GLORIES

(Rehoboam)

2Ch 12:9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; **he took all**: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

2Ch 12:10 Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed *them* to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house.

2Ch 12:11 And when the king entered into the house of the LORD, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard chamber.

he took all — that is, everything valuable he found. The cost of the targets and shields has been estimated at about \$1,200,000 [Napier, *Ancient Workers in Metal*].

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THE FADING KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD

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1. Satan Kingdom and the kingdoms of this world are a natural kingdom and its glories are temporal and fading.
2. **All the kingdoms of this world and its glories are appealing to us though the eye gate.**

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1. **Fading stars of the World.** Sports, actors, political, Music Stars.

MEN OF THE BIBLE WHO WERE WILLING TO SETTLE FOR LESSOR GLORIES

1. **Demas:**

2Ti 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

- a. It is easy when a person stops praying and dedicating their lives to God and reaching for new levels. It becomes easy to compromise and seek lesser places of glory. They might go to a church that won't require much, just an easy going church no standards, no prayer meetings, no

moves of God. Their sports teams are more important than their quiz teams.

Job 21:14 Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

Job 21:15 What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?

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They say unto God - This is the language of their conduct, though not directly of their lips.

Depart from us - Let us alone; we do not trouble thee. Thy ways are painful; we do not like cross-bearing. Thy ways are spiritual; we wish to live after the flesh. We have learned to do our own will; we do not wish to study thine.

(Jeroboam)

1Ki 12:26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:

1Ki 12:27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

1Ki 12:28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

1Ki 12:29 And he set the **one in Bethel**, and the other put he in **Dan**.

1Ki 12:30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went *to worship* before the one, *even* unto Dan.

1Ki 12:31 And he made a house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.

1Ki 12:32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.

1Ki 12:33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, *even* in the month

which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

The Captivity in Babylon

Psa 137:1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

Psa 137:2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

Psa 137:3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us *required of us* mirth, *saying*, Sing us *one* of the songs of Zion.

Psa 137:4 How shall we sing the LORD's song in a strange land?

Psa 137:5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget *her cunning*.

Psa 137:6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

Psa 137:7 Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Raze *it*, raze *it*, *even* to the foundation thereof.

Psa 137:8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy *shall he be*, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

Psa 137:9 Happy *shall he be*, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

1. **Psalm 137 -**
The desolate and afflicted state of the captives in Babylon, Psa 137:1, Psa 137:2.
2. **How they were insulted by their enemies**, Psa 137:3, Psa 137:4.
3. **Their attachment to their country**, Psa 137:5, Psa 137:6.
4. **Judgments denounced against their enemies**, Psa 137:7-9.

DESIRING GREATER GLORIES

1. Moses:

Exo 33:17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

Exo 33:18 And he said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory.

Exo 33:19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

2. Abraham:

Heb 11:9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

Heb 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

3. Solomon's Temple:

2Ch 5:13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he* is good; for his mercy *endureth* forever: that *then* the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of the LORD;

2Ch 5:14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

4. Finished Work In the Tabernacle:

Exo 40:32 When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Exo 40:33 And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

Exo 40:34 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Exo 40:35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

5. The Finished Work of Calvary:

Mat 27:48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled *it* with vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink.

Mat 27:49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Mat 27:50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

Mat 27:51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

Mat 27:52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

Mat 27:53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

6. Pentecost:

Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

Isa 60:2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

Isa 60:3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Isa 60:4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side.

Isa 60:5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall

be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

Isa 60:6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the LORD.

Isa 60:7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

Heb 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Heb 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: