

# Dirty Water

(Jeremiah 2)

## Word Pictures (Jer.2)

- Marriage broken by infidelity, 1-8
  - Ex.15 – national rejoicing in God
    - Followed Him in desert (Ru.1:16)
  - 4-5: want *god* with their faults; ‘change’
    - Vanity: vapor, meaningless, worthless;  
Ec.1:2
  - 6-7: ingratitude; do not like reminders of debt
  - 8: four ruling classes

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- Marriage broken by infidelity, 1-8
- Broken cisterns, 9-13
- Plundered slave, 14-19
- Immoral woman, 20
- Vine gone wild, 21
- Filthy body, 22
- Idolatrous camel / donkey, 23-25
- Disgraced thief, 26-28
- Children out of control, 29-31
- Forgetful bride, 32-35
- Disappointed politicians, 36-37

# Sword Thrusts

9: apostasy affects future generations (18).

10-11: nations blindly hold to religious nonsense.

12-13: water illustration:

- Omission: forsook God
- Commission: hewed cisterns that hold no water

# Cisterns

‘The best cisterns, even those in solid rock, are strangely liable to crack ... and if by constant care they are made to hold, yet the water collected from clay roofs or from marly soil has the color of weak soapsuds, the taste of the earth or the stable, is full of worms, and in the hour of greatest need it utterly fails’ – Thomsom, *Land and Book*, 287

# I. Thirsty Souls Need Nourishment Too

- 1 Kings 18 –
  - No one turns from God from to nothing
  - Every person has a longing that **only God** can satisfy

“I designed and built these cars, so I know what to do when something goes wrong”

– H. Ford

“You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they can find rest in You”

- 1 Kings 18
- Jn.4:13-14, Jesus offers no bad water



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- Isa.5:20

See sin as it is: against GOD

‘Sin is a short word beginning  
a very long sentence’

Do we choose dirty, stinking  
water over fresh?

# People forsake God in spite of His great blessings

- a. Mt.5:44-45, earthly prosperity...
- b. Ac.2; 1 Jn.1, forgiveness
- c. Ep.1:3, all spiritual blessings
- d. Tit.1:2, hope of eternal life
- e. 1 Jn.1:3, fellowship
- f. Jer.2:32, goodbye, good riddance

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III. Broken Cisterns Abound

# False doctrines

- Draw people away from truth, Mt.15:14
- Defeat prayer of Christ, Jn.17:20-21
- Divide people into different doctrines,  
1 Co.4:17
- Destroy souls, 2 Jn.9

False doctrines

# Worldliness

...traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers  
of pleasure rather than lovers of God  
– 2 Tim.3:4

False doctrines  
Worldliness

## Indifference

- 1 Tim.4:8

“If I had met Him walking, By the blue Galilee,  
Would He have stopped, I wonder, And then  
said, ‘Follow Me’?

And if He had, I wonder, When I think it through;  
How could I have followed Him; With so many  
things to do?”

- Jer.48:10