

Do Not Trust in Deceptive Words

Jeremiah 7:1-11

"He sacrificed his own son in the fire, practiced sorcery and divination, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking him to anger." 2 Kings 21:6 (NIV)

"But they did not listen, and Manasseh seduced them to do evil more than the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the sons of Israel." 2 Kings 21:9 (NASB)

"On every side the wicked prowl, as vileness is exalted among the children of man." Psalm 12:8 (ESV)

"Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations." *Jeremiah 1:4-5 (NASB)*

"Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, 'I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD.' And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan who read it." 2 Kings 22:8 (NASB)

"Moreover, Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, 'Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.' And Shaphan read it in the presence of the king. When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes." 2 Kings 22:10-11 (NASB)

"Go, inquire of the LORD for me and the people and all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found, for great is the wrath of the LORD that burns against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us." 2 Kings 22:13 (NASB)

1. Pivot from religion to ______.

"For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, "Break up your fallow ground, And do not sow among thorns." *Jeremiah 4:3 (NASB)*

"This is what the LORD says to the people of Judah and Jerusalem: 'Plow up the hard ground of your hearts! Do not waste your good seed among thorns.'" *Jeremiah 4:3 (NLT2)*

"I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." Luke 13:3 (NASB)

"From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" *Matthew* 4:17 (NASB)

2. Pivot from hollow words to meaningful

"And He began to teach and say to them, 'Is it not written, "MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS? But you have made it a ROBBERS' DEN." *Mark 11:17 (NASB)*

"Having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people." 2 Timothy 3:5 (ESV)