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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "BROKEN CISTERNS"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN?"

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BROKEN CISTERNS
(Jeremiah 2:11-13)

- A. Our world is consumed with _____.
- B. I came across a new _____ in studying for this sermon:
 - 1. It is _____.
 - 2. It is a combination of _____ and _____.
 - 3. It is defined as “a painful, contagious, socially transmitted condition of overload, debt, anxiety and waste resulting from the dogged pursuit of _____.”
- C. This is not something _____.
 - 1. The Jews to whom _____ prophesied suffered from a great deal of materialism.
 - 2. _____ warned against it long ago (Luke 12:15).
- D. All that we have is going to _____ up one day (2 Peter 3:10).

II. Human _____.

- A. How many times have we said or heard something like this: “This is my life and I’ll _____ it like I want to.”?
- B. Sadly, many in today’s world never grow out of that _____.
- C. The truth is we can’t make it in this _____ on our own.
 - 1. Proverbs 16:25.
 - 2. Jeremiah 10:23.
- D. Human wisdom leads to _____ while godly wisdom leads to _____.

III. _____.

- A. The number of religious bodies in the world _____ the mind.
- B. There is only one _____, or _____ (Ephesians 4:4; 1:22-23).
- C. _____ in denominationalism is truly putting water into a broken cistern.

IV. Being all _____ to all _____.

- A. In our day, many _____ seek to be all things to all people by means for which there is no biblical authority.
 - 1. You and I are to reach people with the gospel of Jesus.
 - 2. We are to do this through preaching the gospel.
- B. When we seek to find out what people want and then try to _____ their wants, we end up going down a slippery slope.
- C. If you bring them in with some type of entertainment, you have to keep them _____.
- D. Whatever we do, it must be done with scriptural _____.

When It Was A Crime To Read The Bible **Joe R. Price**

By the start of the third decade of the 16th century, William Tyndale had already been on the run for five years. The king of England, Henry VIII, had declared him a felon. Fleeing Roman Catholic authorities in London (never to return to England), he went first to Cologne, France, and then Worms,

Germany. What crime had this "evil" man committed? Of what rebellious act of treason was he guilty? He dared to translate and then print the New Testament in the English language!

In England in the 1520's (indeed, throughout Europe during the middle ages), unless you were literate in Hebrew, Greek or Latin, reading the Bible for yourself was impossible. You had to rely upon what the Roman Catholic clergy said the Bible contained. You would not have been able to study the Bible for yourself to discern the truth for yourself - much less be free to practice what you learned therein. Rome ruled with an iron hand.

The Catholic Church did not want nor permit a wide transmission of the Bible and its contents. When Tyndale's NT was published in Worms, 6,000 copies were shipped back to England. Medieval historian William Manchester reports,

"To the bishop of London this was an intolerable, metastasizing heresy. He bought up all that were for sale and publicly burned them at St. Paul's Cross. But the archbishop of Canterbury was dissatisfied; his spies told him that many remained in private hands. Protestant peers with country houses were loaning them out, like public libraries. Assembling his bishops, the archbishop declared that tracking them down was essential -- each was placing souls in jeopardy -- and so, on his instructions, dioceses organized posses, searching the homes of known literates, and offered rewards to informers -- sending out the alarm to keep Christ's revealed word from those who worshiped him." (A World Lit Only By Fire, 204-205)

Tyndale was eventually arrested and imprisoned for sixteen months in the castle of Vilvorde, near Brussels. In 1536, after being tried and convicted for heresy he was publicly executed, being tied to a stake, strangled to death, and then his corpse burned.

As we consider Tyndale's struggle and sacrifice to provide the common Englishman with readable, discernable scriptures, we are made to thank God for the daily ease and convenience with which we can open the Bible and study it for ourselves. We are made to cherish the privilege that is ours to pour over the divine text, understand it, reflection upon it, think over it so as to bring our hearts and lives into harmony with it, as well as also teach it to others. Please consider:

Eph 5:17 "Wherefore be ye not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

2 Tim 2:15 "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth."

2 Peter 3:18 "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him (be) the glory both now and for ever. Amen."

2 Tim 2:2 "And the things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

If you have been neglecting to read, learn and live God's word, please remember the good fortune you have: education and access -- the abundant opportunity to read and know God's word. To not drinking deeply from its well is to squander a precious blessing (cf. Jas. 4:17). The next time you pick up your Bible and read it, remember the sacrifices of countless others who have made that simple act possible. But above all, remember the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His life on the cross and was then resurrected from the dead so that you know the truth, abide in His word and thus be freed from your sin (Jno. 8:31-36; 1:1-3, 14-18).