

Jeremiah 13:1-15:9 – 30 Mar 2014

In the summer of 1986, two Russian ships collided in the Black Sea off the coast of Crimea. 398 passengers died as they were hurled into the icy waters below. News of the disaster was further darkened when an investigation revealed the cause of the accident. It wasn't a technology problem like radar malfunction--or even thick fog. The cause was human stubbornness. Each captain was aware of the other ship's presence nearby for 45 minutes. Both could have steered clear, but according to news reports, neither captain wanted to give way to the other. Each was too proud to yield first. By the time they came to their senses, it was too late.

Pride has consequences!

Today, let's be persuaded to get rid of our pride by understanding its 5 consequences in our lives.

Read 13:1-11

1st consequence is that PRIDE makes you Rubbish to God

- This parable, designed to get their attention in a new way, is about their uselessness (Heb 5:14) b/c of their pride.
- The loins is the seat of work or usefulness
- 1 Tim 3:6 – Not a novice lest ye be lifted up with pride fall...
- Paul: Phil 3:4-8 – “...I count it all as dung.”

Read 13:12-14

- The attention-getter of making them think he’s prophesying prosperity to come, only to give the punch line of the exact opposite.
- This is akin to saying, “You’re super.....super wicked.”
- The 3 Ps
 - 5 times the 3 Ps are mentioned together in Bible, 4 in Jer
 - These wicked people need a Savior to be the perfect 3 Ps.

Read 13:15-27

2nd consequence is that PRIDE makes you Embarrassed

- Be embarrassed of our sin now or be embarrassed when you see Christ.
- Humble thyself or be humiliated. These are the only 2 options
- Luke 20:18 – stone falling or fall on the stone
- James: Don’t sit in the best seat, that leads to humiliation

Read 14:1-6

3rd consequence is that PRIDE makes you tangible Decline

- The current calamity (drought) effects all in Judah (city-dwellers, farmers and animals alike)
- They were told to let the land rest 1 in 7 but they were greedy
 - A clever salesman once said, “let me show you something that several neighbors of yours said you couldn’t afford.”
 - Pride leads us to get when we shouldn’t get.
- In trying to gain extra they lost even that which they should have had.
 - God’s method is that thru giving you will gain more
 - Luke 6:24, 38
 - God will do more in our lives when we keep 70, 80 or 90% of our income than when we keep 100% of it.

Read 14:7-9

- Jeremiah intercedes with great humility to a lofty God

Read 14:10-12

- Sins need to be paid for, it’s just a question of when.
 - God will take it out of our hide at His time choice OR
 - We can be in Christ in which case they are already paid for.

Read 14:13-16

4th consequence is that PRIDE makes you Puzzled

- Jeremiah says, “they’re doing this b/c the prophets are leading them astray.”
- God’s says, “the lying prophets and the people will be judged.”
- How can God be so hard on the people if the prophets were leading them astray?
 - This is the same questions as, “How can God judge homosexuals today that are being told by “pastors” and “ministers of the Gospel” that homosexuality isn’t a sin?
 - Answer: They (and us today) have the written revealed word of God on the subject matter!
- In “fantasy land”
 - We think good is bad and bad is good.
 - We think that following God is the means towards the goal of material prosperity instead of the truth that material prosperity is the means towards the goal of following God.
 - We think that continual comfort is good and hard times are bad.
- In “fantasy land” we run our own lives...right into the ground!
- Answer: Heb 5:14 – Use the Word to discern good and evil.

Read 14:17-22

- I’d rather stand at the outside of your door than go anywhere else right now.

Read 15:1-9

5th consequence is that PRIDE makes you an influential Instigator.

- Manasseh set up false god worship all over Judah leading others into it.
- Be humble like Moses and Samuel. Humility leads you to an others-centered life, interceding for others. Ringleader
- “Children are never very good at listening to their elders but they hardly ever fail at imitating them.”

Don't live in pride or its negative consequences will make you a Puzzled Rubbish, that's an influential Instigator in your own Decline to Embarrassment.