**Making Religion Profitable**

**Jeremiah 2**

Introduction: Jeremiah 2 has words that shows God’s disgust with His people; (v. 3); (v. 5), (v.11); and will prosper (v. 37). All point out that religion by itself is not enough.

**A) Our For God, v. 2**

1. As we live we will either grow closer to God or further from Him.

2. Ephesus told to remember their , **Revelation 2.4-5.**

**B) Stay to God, v. 5**

1. How did they get this far away from God? Altars, false priest, idols, etc.

2. We are warned about drifting away from God, **Heb. 2.1.**

a. Being entangled in the affairs of this world, **Luke 8.14**.

b Letting satan have a foothold in our lives, some little sin.

4. How to drift from God seen in **verse 8**. This is the “not what to do list”.

5. The to do list would be:

**C) Keep the , v. 11**

1. They had the truth but exchanged it for a lie.

2. Often people will believe a lie and be really hard to change.

3. People looking for something new, a revelation, **Acts 17.21**

4 Keep what you know to be the truth, **Proverbs 23.23; Ephesians 4.4-6**. **John 14.1**. **Matthew 7.21.** Such as

**D) Fill Up The , v. 13**

1. God is the living water.

2. Jesus promised living water to the Samaritan woman, **John 4.14.**

3. We must keep the real and get rid of false religions. **2 Corinthians 6.14ff.**

**E) on God, v. 18, 36-37**

1. Religion is not politics, not dependent on alliances, compromise.

2. Do we, you, I, have a whatever, God said attitude?

**F) when you do wrong, v. 22**

1. Repentance that does not work is one that superficial, sorry for getting caught, sorry for the consequences. **2 Corinthians 7.10**

2. Repentance that works is one sorry for sinning against God.

**G) To God in the good times as well as the bad, v. 26-27**

1. Tendency to use God as a parachute, only before we hit the ground.

2. Don’t forget God, **v. 32.**

Conclusion: God had pleaded with Israel until there was no more time for them. We have time and God pleads with us to accept His will. Submit to Him and draw near to Him.