

Jeremiah 16:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God?

Analysis

Jeremiah anticipates the people's response: 'And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God?' Three questions reveal spiritual blindness:

1. Why has God pronounced judgment?
2. What is our iniquity?
3. What sin have we committed? This demonstrates that persistent sin blinds people to their guilt.

They genuinely cannot see what they've done wrong despite obvious violations. This illustrates total depravity's noetic effects—sin darkens understanding so that sinners cannot accurately assess their spiritual condition.

Historical Context

Despite decades of prophetic indictment specifying their sins (idolatry, injustice, covenant breaking), Judah maintained self-righteous blindness. This demonstrates how persistent sin hardens hearts and darkens minds.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does persistent sin blind people to their own guilt?
2. What does spiritual blindness to obvious sin reveal about the human condition apart from grace?
3. How should ministers respond when people genuinely cannot see sins that are obvious to others?

Interlinear Text

כִּי יַקְרִיב הַמִּגְדָּל	לְעַמּוֹד
H1961 H3588 And it shall come to pass when thou shalt shew	this people
	H5046 H2088
מִמְּה עַל אֶל יְהִי וְאָמַר אֵת כָּל אֲתָה	בְּגָדוֹלָה בְּכָל הַר
H853 H3605 all these words	and they shall say
H1697 H428 H5959	H413 H5921 H4100
פְּרָונְדָּה אֶת עַל יְהִי דְּבָר לִיהְיוֹת הַ	פְּרָנְדָּה אֶת עַל יְהִי
pronounced against the LORD	evil all this great
H1696 H3068 H5921 H853 H3605 H7451 H1419	
מְפַטְּאַת נָנוֹ וְמַה הַפְּתַח אֶת	מְפַטְּאַת נָנוֹ וְמַה הַפְּתַח אֶת
וְמַה הַפְּתַח אֶת	or what is our sin
H2063 H4100 H5771 H4100 H2403	
אֲלַמְּנָה לִיהְיוֹת הַ	אֲלַמְּנָה לִיהְיוֹת הַ
אֲשֶׁר רָשָׁעָה אֲנָנוּ	our God
H834 that we have committed	H3068 H430

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 5:19 (References God): And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Wherefore doeth the LORD our God all these things unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not your's.

Jeremiah 13:22 (Sin): And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts discovered, and thy heels made bare.

From KJV Study • kjvstudy.org