

## **Ask For The Old Paths**

“Thus says the LORD: ‘Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it’” (Jeremiah 6:16; read chapter 6).

The Israelites wandered far from God. His law offended them. They found no pleasure in His word. As a result, the people became greedy and unjust. Their service to God was a mere formality. What’s worse - they were not ashamed of their sins. So when the prophet called them back to their foundation (the Law), they said “No way, we’re satisfied with what we’re doing.”

That situation has been often repeated. How can it be avoided? “We must pay more careful attention...to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away” (Heb 2:1). Just as Israel was punished for disobeying their law, Christians will face the same fate by drifting away from the gospel (cf. 2:2-4).

Are you [we] drifting? Think back to a time when you heard gospel preaching that corrected, rebuked and exhorted you to obey Jesus Christ (2 Tim 4:2). Recall the days before “contemporary” services when you could take the Lord’s Supper, pray and sing praises to God with your grandparents (Eph 5:19; Col 3:16; 1 Cor 11). Remember when the church was the people, and the building was simply place to meet for spiritual purposes (Eph 4:12; Heb 10:25). Today, churches offer Old Testament festivals and a host of secular events. But in the days of the apostles, churches offered the word of life to a lost and dying world (1 Tim 3:16; Phil 2:16). This is the foundation to which we must return. Will we or will we not “walk in it”? -- *By Boyd Jennings*

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