

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, August 4, 2024
Sermon Series: The Potter & the Clay – Jeremiah/Lamentations
Message 13. Stupid Idols – Jeremiah 10:1-25
Pastor Phillip M Way

Introduction: Chapter 10 continues the lamentations of chapters 8 and 9 and present here a mocking hymn of derision aimed at idols – we see a scarecrow in a melon patch vs. the Incomparable God. The chapter concludes with a prayer of intercession from Jeremiah for Judah and for Babylon.

- I. Who Made Your God? – vs. 1-5, 8-9
 - A. The Way of the Nations (vs. 1-2)
 1. Everybody is doing it (peer pressure)
 2. Terrified by cosmic events (superstition)
 - B. A Product of the Peoples (vs. 3-5)
 1. Cut and Adorned
 2. Nailed down to not fall over
 3. Mute and Immobile
 4. Do Not Fear Them! – 1 Cor. 8:4; 10:19-21
 - C. Senseless, Foolish, and Vain (vs. 8-9)
- II. There is None Like Yahweh – vs. 6-7, 10
 - A. You Are Great and Great in Might – extent, intensity, power
 - B. It is Due You to Be Feared – Deut. 10:17; Rev. 15:4; Acts 9:31
 - C. King of Nations – ruler of all
 - D. Wiser than the Wise – 1 Cor. 1:20; 2:4-6; 3:18-20
- III. Creator God vs. Created Gods – vs. 11-16
 - A. Creative Power and Control (vs. 12-13)
 - B. Dead Idols are a Lie (vs. 14-15) (icons of stupidity)
 - C. Israel's Portion and Inheritance (vs. 16) – Psalms 16:5; 73:26; 119:57; 142:5
- IV. A Lament and Intercession – vs. 17-25
 - A. Pack Your Bags (vs. 17-20)
 1. Under siege (vs. 17)
 2. God will sling them out (catapult) – (vs. 18) Judges 20:16
 3. House and Family Gone (vs. 19-20)
 - B. Stupid Shepherds (vs. 21-22)
 1. Shepherds won't seek God – Deut. 4:29; Psalm 63:1
 2. The flock will be scattered – Psalm 44:11
 3. Desolation
 - C. A Prayer of Intercession (vs. 23-25)
 1. A man's way – Proverbs 21:2
 2. Discipline? Yes! Anger? No!
 3. Against Babylon – Psalm 79:6-7
- V. Application
 - A. Nothing Can Compare to Our God
 - B. Ignore God and You Will Fail
 - C. Pray for Your Friends, and Your Enemies

Cross References

1 Corinthians 8:4

4 Therefore, concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no God but one.

1 Corinthians 10:19-21

19 What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20 No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. And I do not want you to become sharers in demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

Deuteronomy 10:17

17 For Yahweh your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the fearsome God who does not show partiality nor take a bribe.

Revelation 15:4

4 Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For all the nations will come and worship before You, For Your righteous acts have been revealed.”

Acts 9:31

31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria was having peace, being built up. And going on in the fear of the Lord and in the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it continued to multiply.

1 Corinthians 1:20

20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

1 Corinthians 2:4-6

4 and my word and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith would not be in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 6 Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature, a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are being abolished.

1 Corinthians 3:18-20

18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you thinks that he is wise in this age, he must become foolish, so that he may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, “He is the one who catches the wise in their craftiness”; 20 and again, “The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are useless.”

Psalm 16:5

5 Yahweh is the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You support my lot.

Psalm 73:26

26 My flesh and my heart fail, But God is the rock of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 119:57

57 Yahweh is my portion; I have promised to keep Your words.

Psalm 142:5

5 I cried out to You, O Yahweh; I said, “You are my refuge, My portion in the land of the living.

Judges 20:16

16 Out of all these people 700 choice men were left-handed; each one could sling a stone at a hair and not miss.

Deuteronomy 4:29

29 But from there you will seek Yahweh your God, and you will find Him, for you will search for Him with all your heart and all your soul.

Psalm 63:1

63 O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, In a dry and weary land without water.

Psalm 44:11

11 You give us as sheep to be eaten And have scattered us among the nations.

Psalm 79:6-7

6 Pour out Your wrath upon the nations which do not know You, And upon the kingdoms which do not call upon Your name. 7 For they have devoured Jacob And laid waste his abode.