

God Our Savior: Longing to Satisfied

Jeremiah 2

Every longing we could possibly have is satisfied in Christ. However, because we are human, we have to make moment-by-moment choices to choose our Creator over the short-term gratification of created things. Jeremiah 2 helps us understand the futility of drinking from cracked cisterns by choosing modern-day idols that cannot truly satisfy over God himself — the fountain of living water.

Application

1. What created thing do you turn to instead of the Creator? Underneath the surface of that, which cistern are you drinking out of?
 - a. Approval
 - b. Control
 - c. Reputation
 - d. Success
 - e. Security
 - f. Pleasure
 - g. Knowledge
 - h. Recognition
 - i. Respect

2. When this cracked cistern (or idol) is threatened or taken away, what happens to your attitude and how do you treat others? What are you believing about God in that moment?

3. Explain how the basis of turning to modern-day idols for meaning, significance, identity, worth, or life is actually unbelief.

4. When you recognize your longing to satisfy yourself with something created, what does each of these steps practically look like for your cracked cistern specifically?
 - a. Identify
 - b. Deconstruct
 - c. Trust
 - d. Move

Key Points

- When you worship something other than God, you think you're in control of sin, but it's in control of you.
- Sin "works" for the moment but leaves us empty long-term, and over time, we will become what we worship.
- Idols will comfort us in a way that God doesn't do for us on command. Trusting in God is an act of faith and obedience—trusting that we will be truly fulfilled on his terms.
- When we choose to find satisfaction in things other than God, we lose the awe of God as our savior; we neglect the truth that we have present benefits of salvation in this world—right now.
- "... it would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased." - C.S. Lewis, *Weight of Glory*

Other Scripture References

[John 7](#)