

Jeremiah 5 • How Apostasy Happens

1. (v.1-3) It begins with an **abandonment** of God not only in their relationship with **God**, but in their relationship with **each other**.
2. (v.4-6) Continued rejection of God's Word leads to **rebellion**, knowingly going against **God's** ways in favor of **another**.
3. (v.7-9) A key indicator of apostasy is when the things of God are devoted to the **pursuit** of one's own **desires** while rejecting **His**.
4. (v.10-13) The unaddressed rejection of God's Word leads to **rebellion**, **apostasy**, and finally to embracing the opposite of the **truth**. It's a process by which the **truth** is exchanged for a **lie** and even begin espousing the **lie** as the **truth**.
5. (v.14-17) God's Word either **purifies** an **accepting** person making them fit for the presence of God, or **purges** an **unaccepting** person from God's presence.
6. (v.18-19) Where obedience to God's Word is concerned, the biblical principle is always to **reap** what is **sown**.
7. (v.20-29) The apostate are identified with the very characteristics of Satan himself: **pride** and **greed**.

In Summary:

- The apostate do not **fear** God.
 - The apostate become spiritually **blind**.
 - The apostate leave their **walk** with Christ for another.
 - The apostate pursue the **sins** of the old life.
 - The apostate seek **personal gain** at the expense of others.
8. (v.30-31) There is a lack of **accountability** at all levels. It's not just that there are false **prophets**, nor that there are just false **teachers**, but that they are encouraged by the **people** in general.