

MORNING WORSHIP

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Theme: Perilous Times

Text: Revelation 2:1-7

Title: In Peril of Forsaking our first Love for God

(I) AN EXAMPLE OF “FIRST LOVE” FOR GOD- ISRAEL (Jeremiah 2)

1. Kindness (Jeremiah 2:2)
2. Love (Jeremiah 2:2)
3. Gameness (Jeremiah 2:2)
4. Holiness (Jeremiah 2:2)

(II) ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF “FIRST LOVE” FOR GOD – THE EPHESIAN CHURCH

1. Works (Revelation 2:2)
2. Patience/perseverance (Revelation 2:2, 3)
3. Cannot bear evil (Revelation 2:2)
4. Labored (Revelation 2:3)
5. Not weary (Revelation 2:3)

(III) THE FORSAKING OF “FIRST LOVE” FOR GOD

1. The idea of “left your first love” (Revelation 2:2)
 - a) It is not “forgetting”
 - b) It is abandoning/ forsaking
2. Reasons
 - a) Fallen (Revelation 2:5)
 - b) First works not well maintained (Revelation 2:5)
 - c) Unrepentance (Revelation 2:5)

(IV) CONSEQUENCES OF FORSAKING FIRST LOVE FOR GOD

1. “First love” may never reappear again

2. Loss of place in ministry

(V) REGAINING “FIRST LOVE” FOR GOD

1. Repentance
2. Returning to first works
3. Overcoming all hindrances/obstacles

(VI) OUR CHALLENGE

1. To guard our love for God
2. To repent quickly when sin-problems cause our hearts to grow cold
3. To seek God’s restoration of “first love”