

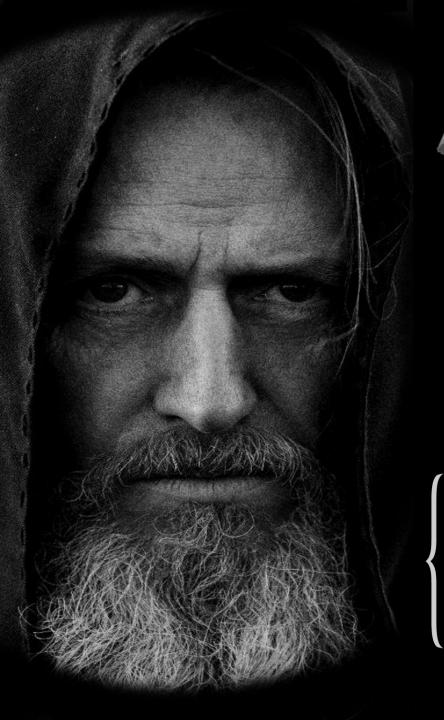




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From be dear to spiritual faith From spiritual faith to great courage From great courage to strength From strength to liberty From liberty to abundance From abundance to leisure From leisure to selfishness From selfishness to complacency From complacency to apathy From apathy to dependency From dependency to weakness From weakness 'back to bondage



JEREMI

WAS A man who KNEW...

- a passionate expression of grief or sorrow.
 a form of protest
- 3. a way to process emotions



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I am the man who has seen affliction...

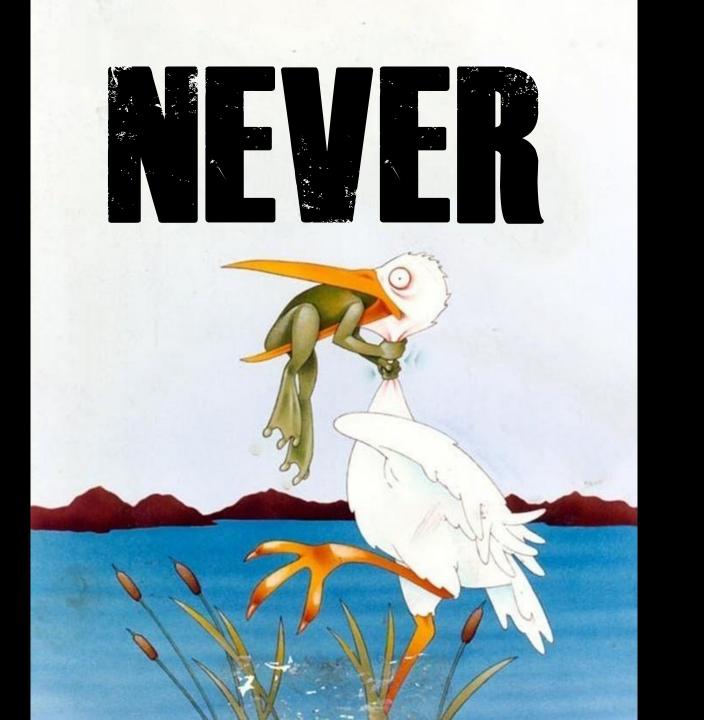
— 3:1 —

Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed, for His compassion never fails. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore

I will wait for Him.







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Read with me...

Psalms

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

Songs of Solomon

Isaiah

Jeremiah

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Ezekiel Daniel

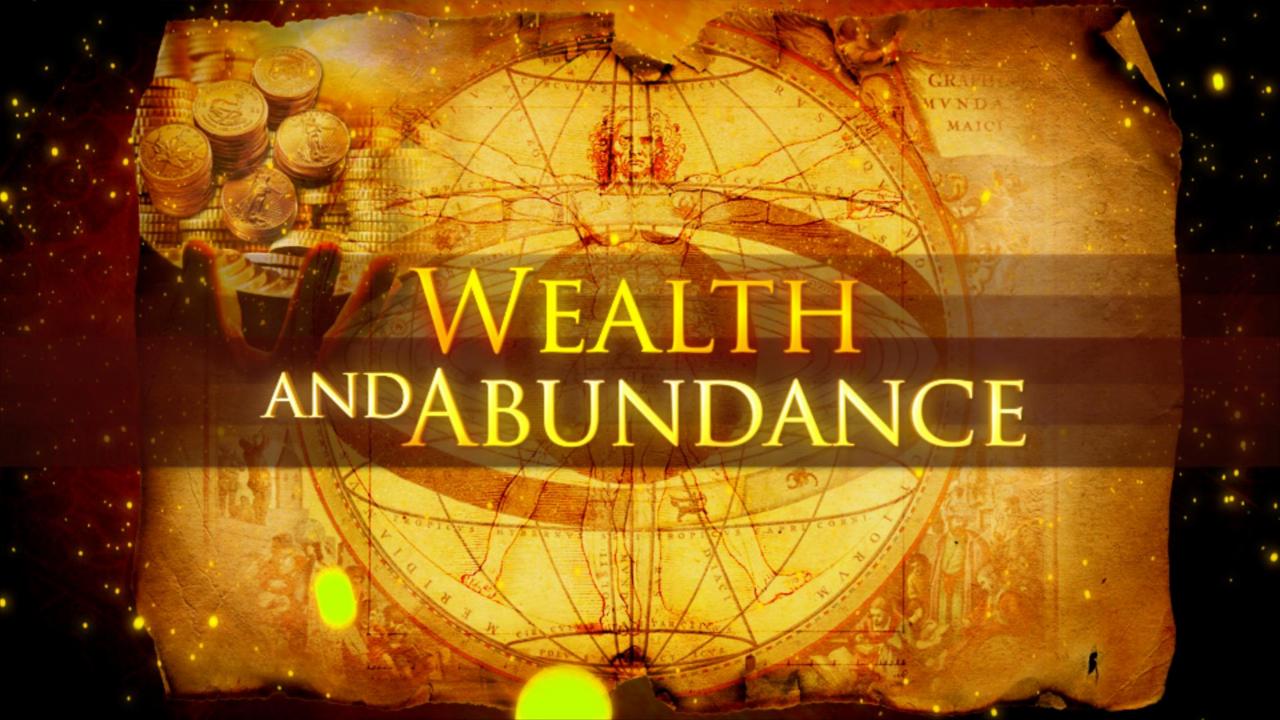




"How the gold has lost its luster"

— 4:1 —











Gold was everywhere

Gems were in everyone's pockets

They are sweet delicacies

They were dressed in royal purple

Their Princes were rich,

handsome and strong

They thought they were invincible



Gold is worthless

Gems are scattered as dust

They starve and are distitute

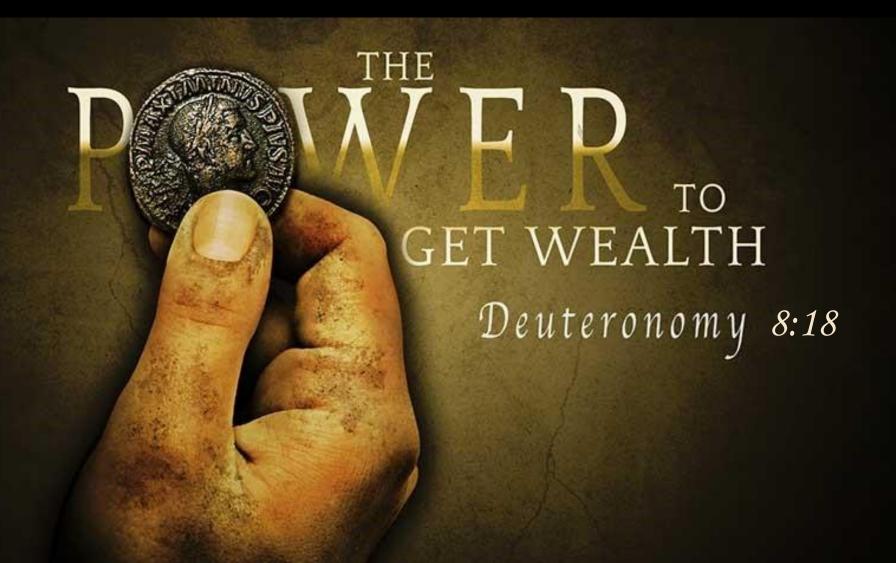
Now trashed and in rags

Princes are poor, filthy and their

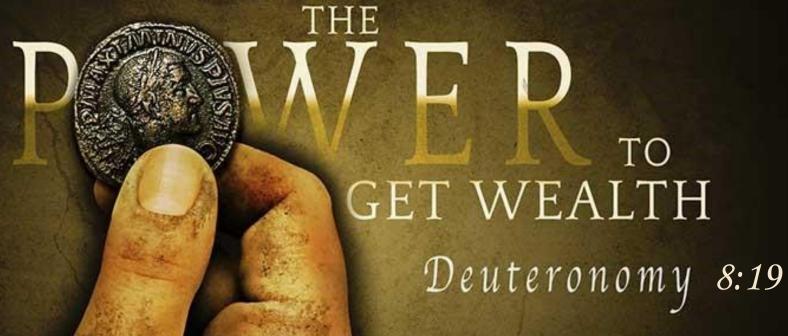
bones are like sticks

Their foundations are consumed





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"If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed."





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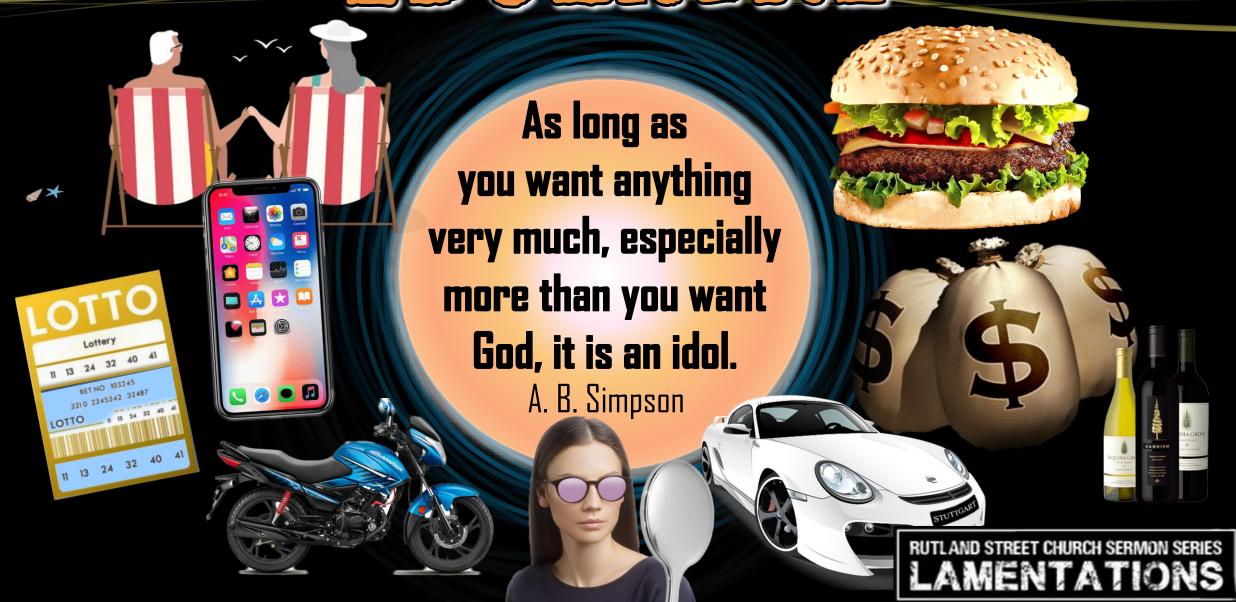














Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

— 1 John 5:21 —





Adults, almost every decision you make effects the next generation!





Every relationship, financial decision, moral issue, character development and faith choice you make will be observed by the generation that follows. And so will the consequences...





But it happened because of the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests, who shed within her the blood of the righteous.

— 4:13 —



CHURCH LEADERSHIP

- Colossians 3:12
- Ephesians 4:12
- 1 Peter 4:11
- James 3:1



The LORD'S anointed, our very life, was caught in their traps.

We thought that under his shadow we would live among the nations.

— 4:20 —



- ... I rebelled against his command.
- ...look on my suffering.
- ...how distressed | am!
- ... I am in torment within, and in my heart I am disturbed, for I have been most rebellious...

---- 1:18-20 ----





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Is a powerful reminder that all people can choose to

trust and obey

or,

ignore and disobey

God.



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