

"THE PROFITLESS EXCHANGE"

JEREMIAH 2:9-13

I. THE LORD LAUNCHES A PROTEST WHENEVER MEN AND NATIONS EXCHANGE THE TRUE GOD FOR OTHER GODS (2:9-11a)

- A. God Would Plead His Case With Regard To This Kind Of Exchange (2:9)
- B. God Would Have Us Know That This Kind Of Exchange Is Universally Without Precedent (2:10-11)
 - 1. He Challenges People To Examine The Scenario As Far As East Is From West (2:10)
 - 2. He Challenges Us To Consider How Privilege, Despite Its Blessings, Also Creates The Opportunity For A Unique Kind Of Sin (2:11a)

II. THE LORD'S PROTEST AGAINST THIS KIND OF AN EXCHANGE IS HIGHLIGHTED BY HIS EMPHASIS ON THE UNPROFITABILITY OF SUCH A RIDICULOUS TRANSACTION (2:11b-13)

- A. A Single Description Of The Unprofitability (2:11b)
 - 1. You Forsake The Thing That Was Your "Glory"
 - 2. You Adopt, In Its Place, A Thing Which Accrues No Interest
- B. A Threefold Description Of How We Ought To Feel About Making Such An Horrible Transaction (2:12)
 - 1. We Should Be Astonished"
 - 2. We Should Be "Horribly Afraid"
 - 3. We Should Be "Very Desolate"
- C. An Illustration Of What Actually Occurs In Such Profitless Exchanges (2:13)