

AND NO ONE CONSIDERS IN HIS MIND



(Isaiah 44:19)

They do not know or understand, for their eyes God has let become be-smear'd so that they cannot see, and their minds as well so that they cannot understand (Isaiah 44:18).

When we continue in sin knowingly God will allow spiritual hardness of the heart and mind. It is a serious situation to be in. It is like a road of no return. In this chapter the Prophet Isaiah clearly shows God's longsuffering toward His people, Israel. He was the One Who formed the nation, the One Who delivered them from slavery and continued with them in their wandering through the desert. He was to them a Father, never forsaking them, instead, He provided for them in the most supernatural ways, no nation has ever experienced. He clearly showed Himself to be their God, the only true God and emphatically said, besides Me there is no other. God's deliverance of Israel and all the supernatural happenings

in the desert were enough to register in their minds, never to be forgotten. But Israel's heart remained hard toward Him, no matter how much He did for them. They did not consider in their mind and heart the sovereignty of God over them. They defiantly went after the gods of Egypt and continued going after other gods through their entire lives to this day. In blindness of the spiritual eyes and hardness of the heart, no one considered in his mind the adultery committed to the Lord their God, as the Prophet Isaiah said. Israel's sin of idolatry is considered adultery because God's relationship with Israel was of a husband. They fell into the sin of idolatry and adultery from the beginning. They could not let go of Egypt. Faithless Israel broke the covenant with her God and lost the status of His wife. And I saw, even though that for this very cause of committing adultery I [the Lord] had put faithless Israel away and given her a bill of divorce ; yet her faithless and treacherous sister Judah was not afraid, but she also went and played the harlot (Jer. 3:8). Indifferent to the consequence of their sin of idolatry, they pursued life without acknowledging their sin of iniquity, their rebellious acts of transgressing against the Lord God.

In the days of Ezekiel the Lord gave him a vision when God sent men to mark those who had considered the sins of the nation in sighing and groaning over all the abominations committed in the midst of the city. It grieved the Lord enough over those who did not take to heart the spiritual condition of the nation. Today, we live in a spiritual decadence never experienced before. The moral and good are bad and punished for; the immoral and bad are praised and accepted. We live in a confused world with a confused mind. "As it were in the days of Noah" the days we are living now, we perceive but we do not cry over the immorality of the people, neither do we take to heart to pray against it. In general, many have accepted the evil to be the normal way of living and even though, they do not embrace it, they just shrug their shoulders and turn the other way, letting it be as they wish. There are two ways to deal with today's moral problems: passively and actively. We can pray with groans, grieving over the sins of the world, or we can confront the sinner and direct him to the right path. If we are to pray, we must pray, feeling God's grieving heart. A prayer that is only lip murmur from the head and empty of mercy toward those sinners is just mumbled words, because they do not consider the consequences coming upon them as a result. A prayer that God will listen to is a prayer that comes to us directly from His heart.

There are many voices crying for help without an ear to perceive the voices. A cry of a woman being raped, a cry from a child being kidnapped, and there are silent voices, only the heart can hear. It is shown on the faces of suffering people under the oppression of sin and addiction. They totter to death without one to rescue them, because no one is taking to heart the matters of someone else's heart. If it was the will of God the Father to have His Son killed to save the human race, should not we consider the evil deceiving men to hell, when the Savior died for them too? It is a thing to consider in this dark world and evil days. "As it was in the days of Lot" violence, homosexuality, mixed with every day's way of life, so it is today. Judgment awaits the world; we must take to heart to warn and direct people away from their erroneous ways. YAHSHUA cried over the city of Jerusalem, when He approached it while going to face His ultimate ordeal. The Bible says, "He saw the city and He wept over it." What did He see? Its spiritual condition, and taking it to heart, He exclaimed: Would that you had known personally, even at least in this your day, the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For a time is coming upon you when your enemies will throw up a bank about you and surround you and shut you in on every side and they will dash you down to the ground, you and your children within you; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not come progressively to recognize and know and understand the time of your visitation that is, when God was visiting you (Luke 19:41-44). This was a solemn call YAHSHUA made with a grieving heart for Jerusalem. But people did not take it to heart the warning from YAHSHUA and in A.D. 70 the city was destroyed and many were killed by the hands of those Israel had handled their Messiah to be crucified. So they paid the price for their rejection of Him. Israel's eyes were blinded to what YAHSHUA was saying because they themselves had hardened their hearts to Him. They had not taken to heart the truth about His Messiahship, instead they rejected Him. They had not taken to heart the fact that God Himself stood in their midst proclaiming Him to be "God with us" through all the signs and miracles He performed. They crucified Him instead. How tragic that was for the nation!

Believers in general are not considering in their heart and mind the fact that we are engaged with YAHSHUA to be married to Him. He has sealed us with His ring – the Holy Spirit. When we accept Him we have agreed to His covenant and to marry Him. That seal is the seal of the covenant of blood He established between Him and us. Our part of the covenant is to love one another and do what He has

commanded us to do. Once we decided not to walk according to His covenant, the agreement is broken and there will not be salvation. No longer is His part of the covenant binding to save us, for we have made the decision to walk away from it. Walking in disobedience is like returning His ring back to Him. Comparing that with Israel's sin of idolatry and adultery against her husband there is no difference in the root cause of the problem between the two. If we cannot love YAHSHUA enough to obey Him, we are committing the sin of idolatry, for we have chosen the world instead. Once saved, we have an obligation to the covenant we agreed with our bridegroom. There is no such thing as "once saved, always saved." Many are going straight to hell who have believed this. Remember, a covenant is always conditional on both parties, not only one. YAHSHUA did His part and performed it perfectly once and for all. We must do ours also, for the covenant to be validated between us. Otherwise, it will be tragic for us too! The brides that followed the requirements of the covenant of blood are those who entered heaven. The oil signifying the ring YAHSHUA had given them was the proof of their faithfulness to the covenant. Heaven's door was opened for them; however those who had broken the covenant with the Groom, they suffered the lack of oil – Holy Spirit, they were rejected at heaven's door. My friend, consider and take to heart your part of the covenant and do not be left outside heaven's door.