

Lost and Found

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

Losing Sight of God's Love is EASY. Finding Our Way Back is CRITICAL.

1 When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling; he was exalted in Israel, but he incurred guilt through Baal and died. 2 And now they sin more and more, and make for themselves metal images, idols skillfully made of their silver, all of them the work of craftsmen. It is said of them, "Those who offer human sacrifice kiss calves!" 3 Therefore they shall be like the morning mist or like the dew that goes early away, like the chaff that swirls from the threshing floor or like smoke from a window. 4 But I am the LORD your God from the land of Egypt; you know no God but me, and besides me there is no savior. 5 It was I who knew you in the wilderness, in the land of drought; 6 but when they had grazed, they became full, they were filled, and their heart was lifted up; therefore they forgot me.

—Hosea 13:1-6 (ESV)

11 Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, 12 lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, 13 and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God...

—Deuteronomy 8:11-14 (ESV)

1. THE WARNING

12 lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, 13 and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied,

—Deuteronomy 8:12-13 (ESV)

...give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, 9 lest I be full and deny you and say, “Who is the LORD?” or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.

—Proverbs 30:8b-9 (ESV)

A. Watch Out for PRIDE

B. Watch Out for IDOLATRY

And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish.

—Deuteronomy 8:19 (ESV)

Those who make them [idols] become like them; so do all who trust in them.

—Psalm 115:8 (ESV)

Pursuing Cheap Substitutes for God Will Never COMPARE and Only Leads to DESPAIR.

2. THE PRESCRIPTION

A. Give God PRAISE

And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

—Deuteronomy 8:10 (ESV)

B. Give God the CREDIT

You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

—Deuteronomy 8:18 (ESV)