



**He Is Enough**  
**Message Notes, June 24, 2018**  
Jeremiah 2:10-13

Jeremiah 2:5-13 captures God’s passionate indictment of His people. Yahweh is deeply heart-broken (like a wounded husband whose bride has abandoned him), for Israel has forgotten God and forsaken Him for the convenience of lifeless idols of wood and stone; gods who require nothing (but also, unrecognized by the Hebrew people, offer nothing). In His heartache, God reminds them of all He has done to rescue and provide for them, lovingly “carrying” them through wilderness and deserts from Egypt to the Promised Land – “fertile with fruit and rich produce.”

Vv. 10-11: How could you change your God – your “Glory” – for worthless idols who are “not even gods at all”?!

V. 13: This is the heart of God’s pain, anger and indictment: “My people have committed two sins ...”

1. They have forsaken me, the spring of living water (a constant supply of fresh water).
2. They have dug for themselves broken cisterns that can hold no water.
  - a. DUG. Formed by man-made efforts. Self -confidence and self-sufficiency.
  - b. STAGNANT. Not flowing, not fresh. Stale, dirty and often with dead animals floating within. Not a source of living water.
  - c. LEAKY. They would crack and leak. Very unreliable. Not a source of constant supply.

Cisterns are simply another metaphor for idols – anything we look to, trust in, depend on and essentially come to worship. Let’s apply this concept to our own contemporary context:

Money and stuff	Jobs and success
Social status	Politics
Family (spouse, children)	Entertainment and comfort
Religion	People-pleasing

Worship is acknowledging and honoring someone/something as my source of meaning, my worth and identity, my satisfaction, my guidance for life, my security.

Questions to identify idols/cisterns in my life:

1. What do I look to for life and meaning?
2. What defines my identity?
3. What do I trust in for security and comfort?
4. What guides my decision-making?

Cisterns are:

- a. Inferior** (poor quality of water). Why would we choose a lesser source? (Fear, doubt, selfishness, control, pride, rebellion)
- b. Leaky** (not a reliable source)
- c. Distract us from** the true source of living water. Distract us from GOD.



Isaiah 44:14-20 depicts the absurdity/insanity of idolatry. Man uses God-created wood to make fires and cook his bread; then with this same wood, he carves an idol to worship!

What things do we hold in our right hand that are idols in our lives? What cisterns do we turn to for significance, security, comfort, guidance?

God is the Lover of our souls. He yearns life for us, and He knows it is only found in Him. He is sorrowful and jealous for us when we turn to cisterns, idols, lesser gods. He will pursue us, confront us, even discipline us to draw us back to Himself – “the living water.”

John 10:10 – Jesus was clear. He came, not to rob us of life, but to give us life, and life in all its fullness. He expressed this so vividly in His encounter with the woman at the well. She had spent all her life digging cisterns of empty love and broken relationships. Jesus saw her yearning for true love and life, and He offered it to her – through Himself:

“Everyone who drinks of this (well) water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give to her will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give her will become in her a spring of living water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:13-14

### **Reflection Questions**

1. What “cistern” things am I giving myself to?
2. What thoughts/feelings hinder me from trusting in God as my one true source of life?
3. Is the Lord leading me to any tangible response of repentance or renewal?