# Committing Adultery against God

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## INTRODUCTION

- One of the most common and easy things that we can do as human beings is find fault in others.
- Could we be accused of being spiritual adulteresses this morning? Am I a spiritual adulterer?
- When we think about our life with God, have we not made promises to him? Have we not committed our lives to him?

## 1 Israel Was Holy to the Lord

**Jeremiah 2:1–8**

- I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride. How you followed me in the wilderness and a land not sown. Israel was holy to the Lord.
- These people had a front row seat to the majesty and the mighty power of God.
- What wrong did your fathers find in me? That they went far from me and went after worthlessness and became worthless.
- What he is saying is, you saw this, and you left. No one questioned where is our God?

## 2 They Had Left God

**Jeremiah 3:1–5**

- If a man divorces his wife and she goes from him and becomes another man's wife, will he return to her?
- Here's a quick snapshot of some of the things they were doing: serving idols, greed, and most importantly, a lack of service to God.
- Praying to God, but also taking care of Baal and your other godly requirements, treating him as just another God.

## 3 Judah Had No Excuse

**Jeremiah 3:6–11**

- Yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but she too went and played the whore.
- They watched Israel rebel against God. They watched the wicked kings of Israel. They saw how God treated them.
- Do you know where Jerusalem was? That was in Judah. You know who had the priesthood? That would be Judah.
- Faithless Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah.

## 4 God Is Willing to Forgive

**Jeremiah 3:12–15**

- Return, faithless Israel, declares the Lord. I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful.
- Despite all that Israel had done, despite what people do. God is willing to forgive.
- It didn't matter that they had left him. He was willing to take them back if they would repent.
- It's not about pretense, as Judah tried. It's about serving God with your whole heart.

## 5 God's People Absolutely Can Reject Him Today

**Matthew 6:24**

- No one can serve two masters.
- We have a mighty God. If we stick with him, we will never be moved. But when we leave God, we've left everything.

## 6 We Must Avoid Spiritual Adultery

**James 4:1–10**

- You adulterous people, do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?
- Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.
- We can see how God dwelt with his people, and you know what we do with it? We leave it in our cars and on the bookshelf collecting dust at home.
- We are crushed with convenience. We are lulled to sleep by the devil in our luxury.
- The minute our day-to-day lives consume our souls, rather than our souls directing our lives, we have lost.

### THE CHALLENGE

**Choose God today, whether you've chosen him before and have left him, or you have never received the benefits of being with God. Take advantage of that opportunity this morning.**

### MY NOTES