

Return of the King
The Danger of Falling Away
1-2 Kings, Lamentations

Main Idea:

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Exposition of 1-2 Kings: From Apostasy to Exile

The main idea from last week: Though the sin of ingratitude is displayed differently in David and Solomon, their willful neglect of God has dire consequences for the future well-being of the nation.

God's Pledge to Jeroboam – I Kings 11:31-39

Rehoboam's Folly – 1 Kings 12:3-11

First the Northern Kingdom Falls – 2 Kings 17:7-18

Then Judah Falls to Babylon – 2 Chronicles 36:15-21

Exposition of Lamentation: Is God still there?

God is asking why the people reject Him.

Jeremiah's Lament – Lamentations 1:1-2; 2:5-6

Jeremiah's Hope? - Lamentations 3:21-25, 31-33

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Application - Making the Christ-Connection with the Exile:

How can Christians keep their own hearts from falling away from Christ?

Peter's Spiritual Secret -(2 Peter 1:3-11)

Don't forget what we have in Christ.

God never changes and His purposes still stand. Remember the Lord your God.

1. We **ALREADY** have everything you need for a Christ-God pleasing life. We have Christ - Jesus is always there for us, even in our worst stumbling.
2. Therefore, let us make **EVERY EFFORT** to supplement our faith beyond mere belief to a Christ-God pleasing life, understanding that these efforts are not in vain, but actually help ensure our security/perseverance.
3. If we lack the qualities of a God-Christ pleasing life, it's because we have **FORGOTTEN** point number **ONE!!!**

Discussion Questions

- 1) What is the result of Israel and Judah's rebellion against God? Is it fair of God to deal so harshly with them?
- 2) What do you think was the root cause of Israel/Judah's neglect of God's commandments? Do you think Christians are in the same danger of falling away today? Why or why not?
- 3) What is the hope that Jeremiah holds to in Lamentations 3?
- 4) What is Peter's "spiritual recipe" for not falling away? How does this passage encourage you in your own walk with Christ?