## **One Thing Leads To Another**

(Jeremiah 6:10-19)

# Introduction: 1. The purpose of this lesson is to demonstrate that one's faith and one's morals are connected; and that most "faith" problems aren't really "faith" problems, they are moral problems.

- 2. Moral sins often lead to a shipwrecked faith and Jeremiah shows us how this happens.
  - a. Either one's morals will be raised to the level of his faith,
  - b. Or one's faith will be lowered to the level of his morals.

#### I. The Existence Of Moral Sin

- A. (Jeremiah 5:26-28).
- B. Notice the nature of these moral failures...deceit that has brought riches, abundance while others do without, lack of compassion for the helpless.
- C. These are not "unthinkable acts," but can be and are commonly practiced if careful attention is not given.
- D. But note how this moral failure leads to the destruction of one's faith.

#### II. When One Practices Immorality, He Doesn't Love The Truth

- A. (Jeremiah 6:10).
- B. (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12).
- C. We must love the truth above all things (John 8:32).

#### III. When One Doesn't Love The Truth, He Opens Himself To Error

- A. (Jeremiah 6:14).
- B. (Jeremiah 5:30-31).
- C. When one rejects the truth, he by default, embraces error.

### IV. When One Opens Himself To Error, He Sears His Conscience

- A. (Jeremiah 6:15).
- B. (1 Timothy 4:2).
- C. (Ephesians 4:18-19).

#### V. When One's Sears His Conscience, One Has Destroyed Himself

- A. (Jeremiah 6:16-19).
- B. When the judgment of God comes upon us, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

#### Conclusion:

- 1. If this lesson does nothing else, I hope it has served to show you the connection between faith and morals.
- 2. Our morality will be consistent with our faith.
  - a. Our morals will either rise to the level of our faith,
  - b. Or our faith will lower itself to the level of our morals.