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“Reasons for God’s Departure” (2)

*“Ephraim’s glory shall fly away like a bird... Woe to them when I depart from them!”
(Hosea 9:11-12)*

Process of Departure

Ezekiel

9:3, 10:18-19, 11:22-23 – (3) “Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub on which it rested to the threshold of the house... (18) Then the glory of the LORD went out from the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim. (19) And the cherubim lifted up their wings and mounted up from the earth before my eyes as they went out, with the wheels beside them. And they stood at the entrance of the east gate of the house of the LORD, and the glory of the God of Israel was over them. (22) Then the cherubim lifted up their wings, with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel was over them. (23) And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain that is on the east side of the city.”

#1 Stubbornness – (11/14/10)_____

#2 Rebellion

Ezekiel

5:5-8 – (5) “Thus says the Lord GOD: This is Jerusalem. I have set her in the center of the nations, with countries all around her. (6) And she has rebelled against my rules by doing wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries all around her; for they have rejected my rules and have not walked in my statutes. (7) Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because you are more turbulent (*loud, apparently obnoxious*) than the nations that are all around you, and have not walked in my statutes or obeyed my rules, and have not even acted according to the rules of the nations that are all around you, (8) therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, even I, am against you. And I will execute judgments in your midst in the sight of the nations.”_

Key Point: The More Revelation, The More Obnoxious the Rebellion

Forfeiture of Privileged Status

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Samuel 15:23 – “For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected (*spurned, despised*) the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.” (KJV)

Response:

Live by the Sword, Die by the Sword “If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” (Isaiah 1:19-20)

Abide in Jesus' Love

“If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.” (John 15:10)

Tend to Fellow Christians

“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. As it is said, ‘Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.’ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient?” (Hebrews 3:13-18)

Questions:

What

impacted me the most in this message?

What is rebellion equated to in First Samuel 15:23?

Has God convicted me of any area of rebellion? (Heb. 3:8; 2 Cor. 7:10)