

Is God Angry with Religion?
2 Kings 23:31 - 24:7, Pew Bible p. 331
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I. Sin Makes You a Slave (V. 31-35)

- A. A slave to God's judgments.
- B. A slave to our choices.
- C. A slave to false religion.

II. Sin Creates False Religion (V. 36-24:7)

- A. False religion always elevates stuff above God (Jeremiah 26:1-19).
- B. False religion always elevates self above God (Jeremiah 36).
- C. False religion always hates God and His people (Jeremiah 26:20-24).

III. God is True Religion (V. 36-24:7)

- A. True religion always elevates God above people & stuff (Matthew 10:37).
- B. True religion always elevates God above self (Matthew 26:38-39).
- C. True religion always loves God and His people (Romans 5:8).

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Kings 23:31-24:7.
2. How has God taken you out of slavery to sin? In areas you may still struggle, are you open in confessing your sin and receiving accountability?
3. How did Jehoahaz and Jehoiakim fall into false religion? How do people today fall into false religion, including those who proclaim to be Christian?
4. What are some things in your life that you value most? If God took those things from you, how do you think you'd react? How can we guard ourselves to ensure we love God above these things?
5. In what ways can you love God and His people more, starting today?
6. Pray for our church members to worship God as He is. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00–6:30 pm in the Worship Center.