

Stupid People

"For My people are stupid, They give Me no heed; They are foolish children, They are not intelligent. They are clever at doing wrong, But unable to do right." Jeremiah 4:22

God speaking through His prophet laments over His people Israel. They are stupid in that they think they can thwart the will of God with impunity. It is not that they are ignorant regarding the expectations of God; He personally told the people what they could and could not do at Mt. Sinai. Evidently, they thought they could ignore His express commands and do as they please.

These words of Jeremiah are frighteningly relevant for the people of God today. We know how to read and we have an abundance of Bibles in a variety of translations giving us in clear, unambiguous language the expectations of God. Still, we live as though His expectations do not exist.

When Lot warned his sons-in-law that God was about to destroy Sodom, "he seemed to his sons-in-law as one who jests."¹ As you know, they perished with the rest of the Sodomites. Paul warns, "...in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ..."² We read it thinking that he is jesting. We are a stupid people.