

August 20 Questions

- 1) God's glory leaves Jerusalem because of Judah's wickedness. Consider the beliefs that were behind the people's idolatry. First, the elders of Judah said, "The LORD does not _____ us, the LORD has _____ the land" (Ezek 8:12). This teaches us that if we reject God's word, we will become futile in our thinking and our hearts will be _____ (Rom 1:21–23). Second, the princes of Judah counseled, "Is it not a good time to _____ houses? This city is like an iron pot. We are safe inside it like meat in a pot" (Ezek 11:3 NLT). God had said that the city would be destroyed, yet the leaders of the people were encouraging them to build homes and feel secure. This teaches us that if we allow sin in our hearts, we will lead those under our authority into _____! Lastly, the people who had been left behind in Jerusalem said to the exiles in Babylon, "Go far from the LORD; to _____ this land is given for a possession" (Ezek 11:15). They believed that those who had been carried into captivity were the ones being judged for sin, and they saw themselves as the _____ remnant who would be preserved and blessed. Ezekiel had a vision of one of the greatest tragedies in human history—God's glory left Jerusalem and the people didn't even know that He was gone. The message to us? "Do not become proud, but _____. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you" (Rom 11:20–21)!