

## Spiritual Depravity

### Not a new problem

- 1) The Beginning
  - Genesis 2 – Lies and the fall of man.
  - Genesis 4 – Cain murders Abel.
  - Genesis 6 – Man is consumed with evil.
  - Genesis 19 – Carnally corrupted.

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- 2) The Exodus - Exodus 32:6
 

Idolatry was brought from Egypt. This became the main stumbling block to Israel. This issue was not fixed until post captivity!

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- 3) Wandering in the wilderness
  - 1 Corinthians 10:6-11
    - Idolatry
    - Fornication
    - Testing God
    - Murmuring and complaining
- 4) Period of captivity
  - Jeremiah 5:7-9; 6:13-15; Isaiah 30:8-10; Ezekiel 16:15
  - This is the lowest point for Israel in her history!

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- 5) NT Times
  - Ephesus – Housed goddess Diana.
  - Corinth – Housed goddess Aphrodite. Had a temple housing 1000 prostitutes.
  - Rome – Carnally corrupt emperors.

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- 6) Current Times
  - Notorious cities/states.
  - Scandals among the elite.
  - Same problems.

### Reality Check

Ecclesiastes 1:9 – “That which hath been is that which shall be; and that which hath been done is that which shall be done: and there is **nothing** new under the sun.” (ASV)

### Why is man so depraved?

#### 1) Removal of God from the home.

- Exodus 12:26 – Passover to be opportunity
- Joshua 4:6-7 – Memorial stones
- 1 Samuel 2:12, 22-23 – Eli’s sons wicked
- Judges 2:10 – A generation not taught

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#### 2) Effects of the secular mindset.

- 1 Corinthians 1:20-25 – The church had these very challenges.
- Same influences today – Agnosticism, evolution, secular humanism, etc.

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#### 3) Man does not want to be exposed.

- John 3:20 – Darkness does not want exposure.
- Romans 1:24-27 – Darkness trades truth for error and lies.

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#### 4) Man does not want rules to live by.

- Deuteronomy 8, 28; Matthew 5-7; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:19-21.
- Rules restrain fun!

### What is the answer?

- Train your children – Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 13:24.
- Preach the gospel – 1 Corinthians 1:20-25.
- Expose error – Ephesians 5:7-12.
- Joyfully accept our place – Deuteronomy 4:39; 6:24.