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**The Lord wants you to live in His light.**

**Jer. 2:13** *My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken Me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water. (NIV)*

Sometimes, it is easier to believe the lie of the world rather than to trust the word of the LORD. We tend to trust what we see with our physical eyes or hear with our physical ears. The evil one is a master of deception. He will paint a picture that seems to be so good and so appetizing, that we believe what we see instead of seeing what we believe. Now this is not unusual. We see this happening to people all through the scriptures. And when this happens, the LORD calls this sin. Paul exclaims this in **Rom. 1:21-24** *For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore, God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator--Who is forever praised. Amen. (NIV)*

The LORD says the same thing through the prophet Jeremiah. My people have committed two sins. They have forsaken Me, the spring of living water. All of real life comes from the LORD. It cannot be found in anything this world tries to provide. It's not in riches, fame, popularity, accomplishments or status. It is only found in Him and Him alone. Then the LORD remarks that it gets even worse. My people have dug their own cisterns. This was a place to hold water for future use. The tragic part was that most cisterns dug in that time were easily tainted by germs and even poisoned by the enemy. The LORD says that these are even worse. They can't even hold water. They are useless. And yet the people continued on thinking that they would work. This is truly futile and foolish thinking. My Grandpa used to call it 'stinkin thinkin.' Our only hope for real and abundant life is always found in the LORD alone.

**Dear LORD, help us to look to You alone for our life and our strength. You are the source of living water and the supplier of all that we need. Thank You Jehovah Jireh. In Jesus Name, Amen**