

BAD CHOICE

Sex is life's chief concern - that summed up the religion of Baal, the religion of Judah's neighbours. If people wanted their land to be fertile and get a bumper harvest, the male and female gods of Baal had to be sexually united. To make sure this happened, all that people had to do was to have sex with someone who was dedicated to these gods. The Hebrew people chose to abandon the true God and follow this religion. God doesn't hold back in His description of their behaviour.

READ JEREMIAH 2: 20 - 25

God pictures His people as a wild and unfaithful wife who chose to abandon the true love of her husband to experiment with any man who would have her (vs 20, 23-24). Their behaviour was also similar to that of a prostitute (v 20c), a useless wild vine (v 21), a sex crazed she-camel (v 23) and a wild donkey in her heat (v 24).



They didn't want to serve a holy God (v 20). His love for them was true but to love and obey Him was too much for them. They considered it bondage (v 20). So did they experience true freedom in the religion of Baal? No way! They were hopelessly in bondage to Baal (v 25) who didn't care two hoots about them!

RACING FROM RESTRAINTS

People who choose to race from restraints usually end up crashing somewhere. Restraints act as boundaries. Within them you are safe. You want to live dangerously? It's your choice but who's going to pick up the pieces when you crash?