

Curious but Not Convinced

Read: Jeremiah Chapter 42

The people came to Jeremiah to see if they should go down to Egypt or not in the face of Babylonian captivity. They promised to do whatever he told them to do. However, the word that Jeremiah received from the Lord revealed that their minds were already made up to go down to Egypt no matter what Jeremiah said. Why did they even ask? Why go through the trouble? I imagine they were just curious. Most likely they already knew the answer that they were going to get, but just wanted to see if perhaps God might have changed His mind. They knew what they were going to do but had some slight hope that God might go along with them when they inquired of the prophet. They were curious about what the man of God had to say, but not convinced by him.

There was a ten-day delay from the time they asked Jeremiah to seek God for them and when the answer came. This is proof to show that Jeremiah was not acting upon his own volition and opinions. He waited until he really heard from God before he gave an answer.

How many saints come to the pastor to ask advice, but they are already determined to do what they have set out to do? They are just being hopeful that the preacher will go along with them and they can get God's permission to go in the direction that they have already determined. They are just curious about what the pastor has to say and are not convinced that he is their shepherd.

Because the Judahites asked of God's counsel and then rejected it, they were determined for judgment. And so, it goes with so many of those individuals that inquire of the Lord half-heartedly.

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