

SERIES: *CROSSROADS*

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SERMON: *Be Careful!*

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 10:1-10

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[1] Hear what the LORD says to you, people of Israel.

[2] This is what the LORD says: "Do not learn the ways of the nations or be terrified by signs in the heavens, though the nations are terrified by them.

[3] For the practices of the peoples are worthless; they cut a tree out of the forest, and a craftsman shapes it with his chisel.

[4] They adorn it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails so it will not totter.

[5] Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field, their idols cannot speak, they must be carried because they cannot walk. Do not fear them; they can do no harm nor can they do any good."

[6] No one is like You, LORD; You are great, and Your name is mighty in power.

[7] Who should not fear You, King of the nations? This is Your due. Among all the wise leaders of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is no one like You.

[8] They are all senseless and foolish; they are taught by worthless wooden idols.

[9] Hammered silver is brought from Tarshish and gold from Uphaz. What the craftsman and goldsmith have made is then dressed in blue and purple - all made by skilled workers.

[10] But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God, the eternal King. When He is angry, the earth trembles; the nations cannot endure His wrath.

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- From the beginning, Israel adopted the ways of the world around them.
- God's call is for _____.

A Truth: *We are to be _____.*

2. Practicing _____.

- Worshiping _____.
- Gross _____.
- Infant _____.

A Truth: *We are created in _____ and called to purity.*

3. Ascribing dignity and value to _____.

- **Isaiah 45:5-6** *I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.*
- **Jeremiah 10:5** *Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field, their idols cannot speak, they must be carried because they cannot walk. Do not fear them; they can do no harm nor can they do any good."*

A Truth: *God is the incomparable king and the _____ of the ends of the earth.*

A Truth: *Satan has _____ over you that you do not grant.*

4. Believing every _____.

- **1 John 4:1** *Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*
- **Jeremiah 14:14** *Then the LORD said to me, "The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I have not sent them or appointed them or spoken to them. They are prophesying to you false visions, divinations, idolatries and the delusions of their own minds.*
- **Proverbs 3:5-6** *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*
- "Thy Word is _____."

A Truth: *God gives guidance and truth to those who _____.*

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A Truth: *We are to be like Christ.*

2. Practicing Abominations.

- Worshiping idols.
- Gross immorality.
- Infant sacrifice.

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