

Beware of Religious Syncretism

(Syncretism is the blending of one or more religious practices or philosophies to create a new belief system, often in the name of unity.)



The Words of Jesus On This Matter:

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

(John 4:23-24)

"Compromised Hearts & Divided Devotion"

2 Kings 16, 2 Chron. 28, Isaiah 7:1-2

Critical Concept: Though many profess to have "faith in God," reliance on other expressions of "spirituality" are really a demonstration of one's disbelief and are empty avenues through which hardship and fear emerge.

I. The Declining "Spirituality" of Judah

A. The spiritual condition of the king

B. The spiritual condition of the priests

C. The spiritual condition of the people

II. The Consequences of a Faithless Life

A. *"Therefore the Lord gave him into ..."* (2 Chron. 28:6)

B. *"The heart ... shook as the trees"* (Isaiah 7:1&2)

C. *"I am your servant e³ your son"* (2 Kings 16:7)

III. Beware of "Faux Faith"

What is God Saying to Me? (Personal Application)