

WHY DO PEOPLE BACKSLIDE?

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(Jeremiah 8:5-6)

Backsliding is a term that is used when someone turns away from God. In order for a person to be considered a backslider, they would have needed to taste the goodness of God and eventually walk away from it.

Backsliders suffer from **DELUSION**.

They hold on to false and unrealistic beliefs. Only delusional people would receive the blessings of God and decide to walk away from the very source that is blessing them. Backsliders believe they can live a blessed life without God. This type of thinking is foolish. **NOTHING** is blessed without God.

**PEOPLE WHO BACKSLIDE SUFFER FROM
BEING DELUSIONAL!**

People who suffer from delusion are fixed on believing false realities, even when they are confronted with the truth. Think about it. Why would a person walk away from a good God and gravitate to what is bad? Why would a person leave a merciful God and gravitate to a merciless world?

Why would a person leave a life of stability and supernatural provision and gravitate to a world of worry and uncertainty? Intellectually, this does not make sense. Only **DELUSIONAL** people would do something like this.

Delusional people believe they are the source of everything good. Delusional people think they are the reason they are blessed. Delusional people cannot accept the reality of God.

They can only embrace the **LIMITATIONS** of their intellect. Delusional people rely on their sight because they are void of vision. When you are a person who

focuses on what is in front of you, instead of what is ahead of you, you will turn away from God.

DELUSIONAL PEOPLE BACKSLIDE BECAUSE
THEY BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES MORE THAN GOD.

STOP BELIEVING YOUR OWN LIES

Jeremiah 8:5

Jeremiah 8:5 says, "*Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? THEY HOLD FAST DECEIT, they refuse to return.*" The primary reason for people backsliding is based on them **BELIEVING THEIR OWN LIES.**

HERE'S WHAT I MEAN:

Proverbs 12:24 says, "*hard workers will become leaders.*" Unfortunately many people do not acknowledge that their position of leadership came from obeying God's Word.

They **BELIEVE THE LIES** they told themselves and steal God's glory.

These people believe that their positions of leadership came from their ability to network with people in high places. They will place more emphasis on their talents rather than God's Word. **IT IS HARD FOR THESE PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR POSITION CAME FROM GOD'S PERMISSION!**

When believers **REFUSE** to accept the power of God, the control of God, the influence of God and the laws of God, they will always turn away from Him. People who are faithful to God are **NOT** committed to Him because of His goodness. They are committed to Him because they **UNDERSTAND** who He is.

Their **COMPREHENSION** of His power fuels their faithfulness to Him. God has been good to many people who have betrayed Him. In 1st Samuel 10:9-25 God was good to King Saul yet he still betrayed Him in 1st Samuel

15:1-35. In Matthew 26:15 Jesus was good to Judas yet he still betrayed Him.

In John 18:15-27 Jesus was good to Peter yet he still denied Him three times. In Jeremiah chapter 2 God was good to the Israelites yet they still betrayed Him. Being the recipient of God's goodness will not inspire you to be faithful to Him.

UNDERSTANDING WHO HE IS WILL INSPIRE YOU TO BE FAITHFUL TO HIM. People backslide because they believe the **DELUSIONAL** thoughts in their mind. All of the above examples prove that being the recipient of God's goodness is **NOT** enough to keep you faithful to Him.

You must be able to comprehend His power. Backsliders do not have the vision to see **BEYOND** the goodness of God. If they did, they would realize that He is the **ONLY** person who is truly good.

(Mark 10:18 says, “Jesus answered, why do you call me good? ONLY God is good.”)

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