

BUILDING A GOD JER.10:1-10

Men never lose the sense of need for God. (X)

Many substitute the false for the true.

Making of an idol results from loss of C. of God

In the dark hours of need men make gods.

Contrast between the false god & the true -

Their origin - their nature - their worth -

1. a tree - killed - a dead tree -

2. a tree - fashioned by human hands -

3. a tree - decked with silver & gold -

4. a tree - nailed down with hammer & nails -

1st tree cut down - formed - decorated - fastened down

ORIGIN

Man has a great need in his heart

a great demand -

a great craving -

He attempts to create something to supply need
to answer agonizing cry of spiritual need

God is FORMER - FRAMER - FASHIONER -

They are fashioned - He fashions -

They are made - He makes -

They must be carried - He carries

NATURE

"a scarecrow" in a garden - Contemptible
"no breath in them" - Unresponsive
work of cunning men - Subservient -
dead - impersonal -
no response to individual agony

God is { fear - commanding -
duty - demanding -
trust - inspiring - }

WORTH - VALUE -

as to Power - "speak not" } burdens
"cannot go" } be borne
as to Intelligence - "but a stock"
as to Influence - "vanity" - "emptiness"
work of mockery -
- disappointments -

God is Great - True - LIVING - ACTIVE - SAVES

TODAY

a man pays homage to something - } his god
serves something }
all substitutes { limited } never satisfy
{ unsatisfactory }
{ worthless } no breath -
no response -

Hour of need - suffering - bereavement
- "Scarecrows in garden" -