

# “NOR DID THEY KNOW HOW TO BLUSH”

By Keith Greer

In the days of Jeremiah, the "**weeping prophet**" of God, Israel was well on her way to apostasy. Many things led to her downfall, but we will concern ourselves with just one.

"Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; **Nor did they know how to blush**. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time I punish them, they shall be cast down," says the LORD. Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'" {Jeremiah 6:15,16} When the Israelites committed "**spiritual adultery**", bowed down to idols, committed abominations before God, and forsook His counsel, did they care? Not only did they not care, they had no shame! Instead they openly, brazenly rebelled towards God. What had God done to deserve such treatment? He had loved them, cared for them, guided them, and given them the Promise Land. What gratitude!

Yet, before we point a finger of shame at them, we better consider what is happening today. No, I'm not speaking in the world, not among the ungodly, but among God's own people!!

Today we have many Christians, who not only have forgotten how to "blush", but are trying to defend their practices!

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." {Matthew 5:16}

"Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so." {James 3:10}

"Abstain from every form of evil." {1 Thessalonians 5:22}

"Or we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles--when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you..." {1 Peter 4:3,4}

It is becoming ever so difficult in many places to tell the Christians from those in the world. My brethren are not only practicing social drinking, gambling, dancing *{and I'm not talking about a Mexican hat dance!}* and dressing immodestly, but they are attacking those who hold the line on these areas!

"Who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them." {Romans 1:32}

Brethren, what are we thinking about? How can we act like the world, talk like the world, and uphold these worldly practices, and hope to convert the world to Christ! Getting into the gutter with the sinner will not save him. Our light cannot shine when we walk in "darkness."

Over the last few years, do you know what I've been called "on the carpet" about concerning my preaching? Plainly denouncing the sins of social drinking, gambling, abortion, immodest dress, and calling the name of those who are walking contrary to God's word who are cloaked in other religions! Say what? Tell me how can we get men out of sin if we cannot plainly show them what sin is and tell them what sin is doing to their souls? Sadly, many are losing their spiritual appetite to hear preachers who just "shell the corn!" By all means we must preach with love and not be haughty, but would someone tell me how we can "tip-toe" around sin and still make the sinner feel the pain and guilt of sin?

Have we forgotten how to "blush"? Where is our shame? God expects us to display some courage! Will you take a stand for truth? Dear reader, are you more concerned with saving a soul or just keeping them happy without pointing out the necessity to leave the paths of sin?\*\*\*