

⁶At the king's command, couriers went throughout Israel and Judah with letters from the king and from his officials, which read: "People of Israel, return to the LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, that he may return to you who are left, who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria. ⁷Do not be like your fathers and brothers, who were unfaithful to the LORD, the God of their fathers, so that he made them an object of horror, as you see. ⁸Do not be stiff-necked, as your fathers were; submit to the LORD. Come to the sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever. Serve the LORD your God, so that his fierce anger will turn away from you. ⁹If you return to the LORD, then your brothers and your children will be shown compassion by their captors and will come back to this land, for the LORD your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return to him." (2 Chronicles 30:6-9)

That was the letter that King Hezekiah the king of Judah had sent to the remnant of Israel who suffer great loss after the invasion of the Assyrian to the northern Kingdom and to its capital Samaria.

Those people long ago divided from the leadership that God put in Jerusalem and they were no more even going to the temple of God. They were worshipping idols and have their own life styles and shrine of different idols that they go to worship.

The above letter can be also address to those who left the right way of living to God and left after their own desires and will.

To those who left the church and neglect their duties and responsibilities toward God and His church and ran after compromises and get comforted with false teaching, lies and the corrupted world we tell them the following:

1- Return to the LORD that he may return to you who are left: You had passed through many hardships and painful discipline and God had allowed many to come and trouble you and give you hard time to show you what is the risk of going away from Him. Repent and come back to Him, return to His church and He will have mercy on you and restore you back to Him.

2- Do not be like your fathers and brothers, who were unfaithful to the LORD, the God of their fathers, so that he made them an object of horror, as you see. Do not be stiff-necked, as your fathers were; submit to the LORD. Come to the sanctuary (Church), which he has consecrated forever: Listen and take heed for this new chance to repent. Comply please I urge you.

3- Serve the LORD your God, so that his fierce anger will turn away from you: Throw away all what was taking you away from God; money, immorality, worldliness and come to the Lord and start to serve Him and He will bless you.

4- If you return to the LORD, then your brothers and your children will be shown compassion by their captors: Your sins had caused your families and children to suffer and put them in bondages. As you repent God is merciful and gracious and He will turn His face toward you and toward your families and bless all of you as you repent and agree to pray.



My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I repent from all my sins _____ . Lord give me one more chance to do your will; I will throw away my idols _____ , I will return to your church and I will start to serve you, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.



"But if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name."

(Nehemiah 1:9)

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³Therefore tell the people: This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Return to me,' declares the LORD Almighty, 'and I will return to you,' says the LORD Almighty. ⁴Do not be like your forefathers, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Turn from your evil ways and your evil practices.' But they would not listen or pay attention to me, declares the LORD. ⁵Where are your forefathers now? And the prophets, do they live forever? ⁶But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, overtake your forefathers?

"Then they repented and said, 'The LORD Almighty has done to us what our ways and practices deserve, just as he determined to do.'" (Zechariah 1:3-6)