

Evening Lesson

SCARECROWS IN A CUCUMBER PATCH

Jer. 10:5 (ESV)

INTRO:

1. Jeremiah described Israel's idols as scarecrows in a cucumber patch.
2. He said these false gods were dull hearted and foolish. **Jer. 10:8, 9**
3. What are some of the scarecrows in our cucumber patch?

I. MONEY – MATERIAL POSSESSIONS.

- A. "Money makes a good servant, but a poor master."
- B. Money makes an even worse god. **1 Tim. 6:9, 10**
- C. What we need most, money can't buy.

II. EDUCATION.

- A. Some have made a religion our learning.
- B. Much of higher education is aimed at the exaltation of learning at the expense of faith.
- C. It is argued that education without God can make a better world. **1 Tim. 6:20**

III. PLEASURE.

- A. The cult of pleasure is a multi-billion-dollar business.
- B. The Bible warns that those that live this way are dead even while they live. **1 Tim. 5:6**
- C. If we recklessly pursue the satisfaction of our own desires we are sacrificing ourselves at the deadly shrine of a counterfeit god.

CONC:

1. Scarecrow or God – which do we serve?
2. While so many continue to crowd the cucumber patch with scarecrows, God longs to make us his own children.