

## **The Appearance of Their “Facebook” Witnessed Against Them**

“For stumbled hath Jerusalem, and Judah hath fallen, for their tongue and their doings are against Jehovah, to provoke the eyes of His glory. The appearance of their faces witnessed against them, and their sin, as Sodom, they declared, they have not hidden! Woe to their soul, for they have done to themselves evil” (Isa. 3:8-9, YLT).

Here, Isaiah declared the spiritual downfall of Judah: their words were corrupt and their deeds were abominable. These shocking actions defied the Lord and provoked His righteous judgment. Yet the audacity and irreverence of Judah was even more clearly noted (cf. 3:9): Not only were they living unholy lives, they were broadcasting them! The prophet compares them to the people of Sodom (cf. 1:10). There was not the slightest hint of shame on their faces, thus “the appearance of their faces witnessed against them.” They had done themselves harm spiritually, and God promised their destruction.

Today, we also live in a culture where many have no shame. Granted, there have always been such people in the world, but now, via mass media, sinful behavior can be photographed, digitized, and published openly. Though not wrong in and of themselves, websites like Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter have been used by the devil for his purposes, and regrettably, some Christians have been sucked into his trap.

Of the three listed above, I use Facebook primarily as a means of staying in contact with friends. I am disappointed, however—and, no doubt, God is as well—when I see “Christian” friends using these forums to display unseemly conduct: I have personally witnessed Christians write “status updates” using curse words minus a few key letters (which were filled in with asterisks), upload pictures of themselves wearing blatantly immodest clothing, and praising movies that no one should be allowed to see.

Satan has convinced many that “what is done online, stays online.” This just isn’t so! Because of this some Christians are falling into the same spiritual condition as Judah—instead of hiding their sin, they are, with shameless faces, putting it on the web for everyone’s viewing. “Woe to their soul! For they do themselves harm.” Such immorality brings the wrath of God, the ruin of character, and the destruction of reputation.

Friends, God has said, “Be holy, for I am holy” (1 Pet. 1:16), “abstain from every form of evil” (1 Thess. 5:22), “let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:16), and “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ” to “receive the things done in the body... whether good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10). Do our Facebooks reveal a blameless, Christ-like character, or do the appearances of our Facebooks witness against us?

Note: The Lord places on fathers and mothers the responsibility of monitoring and directing the ways of their children (cf. Eph. 6:4; Prov. 22:6). Parents, please check out

what your children are doing on the internet. It is one of the devil's hunting ground (cf. 1 Pet. 5:8).

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