

The Way Back

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Jeremiah 2-5.
- B. Israel was losing its fervor for God.

II. Remember.

- A. Half of the battle is to remember what it was like when one first knew God.
- B. In this condition, the loved one is preeminent in the affections.

III. Realize.

- A. One must know and see that he has forsaken a living stream of water.
- B. God is the source of life. When He is forsaken, a person falls into degeneracy.

IV. Return.

- A. The only logical thing to do when one is going the wrong direction is to return, but we find this difficult.
- B. The difficult part is acknowledging one's guilt.
- C. God will heal our faithlessness if we go to Him.

V. Beware. If one does not acknowledge his guilt, all he has before him is worse and worse conditions ahead.

Application questions:

1. What was it like when you first came to know of Christ's love for you? What is your story?

2. In what ways have you experienced God as the source of life? Explain.

3. Why is acknowledging guilt essential for return to God?
