

**Theme: THE BEST AND INTIMATE FRIENDS**

**Memory Verse:** *1 John 2:15 “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him”.*

**Texts:** 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

The best and the intimate friends of many believers today are unbelievers — they complain of insincerity and unfaithfulness by some believers. So, they prefer the company of unbelievers, an action that only reveals the state of their hearts, contravening God’s commandments against unequal yoke (2 Corinthians 6:3).

Dinah went out to see and be seen. The Jewish Targum (commentaries of the Jewish scriptures) informs us that she went to see the manners, customs and fashions of the women of that country.

She went to see their habit and dress, and how they ornamented themselves. Josephus, the renowned Jewish historian observes that it was a festival day at Shechem, and therefore very probably many of the young women of that country might have come dressed in their best clothes. This would give Dinah a good opportunity of seeing and observing their fashions. Dinah’s problem could aptly be summarised as: lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life. To the believer, the Holy Spirit warns: “love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15).

These allurements attract believers’ minds daily at school, on the streets and even at home. The fancies of the world sometimes suddenly appear attractive to a heaven-bound pilgrim who needs to be careful so as not to become hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. The believer is not of the world. The miracle of the new birth results in Spirit transformed tastes and values. A constant fixing of our gaze by faith on Christ the Crucified makes the things of earth to grow dim in our minds and brings heaven closer. The desire for pleasure and amusement has brought pains to many. Believers must determine to put their bodies under the Spirit’s control.

	<b>DAILY BIBLE READING</b>	
	<b>MORNING</b>	<b>EVENING</b>
SUNDAY	Jeremiah 23	Jeremiah 24
MONDAY	Jeremiah 25	Jeremiah 26
TUESDAY	Jeremiah 27	Jeremiah 28
WEDNESDAY	Jeremiah 29	Jeremiah 30
THURSDAY	Jeremiah 31	Jeremiah 32
FRIDAY	Jeremiah 33	Jeremiah 34
SATURDAY	Jeremiah 35	Jeremiah 36