

## Darkness of the Mind – Alienated From God (Part 1)

### EPHESIANS 4:18-20

There are many illustrations in the Bible of people who were saved, yet empty and captivated by spiritual darkness. Such include the Exodus generation, period of the Judges, period of the reign of King Saul, failure of the Jews, the Chaldean empire, failure of the apostles, and many others. When people are believers, but are not perceptive, non-responsive to truth, they will be involved in inner rebellion and revolt; then that misery will result in outer rebellion and revolt.

**Jude 12** speaks of apostates: *“These apostates are spots in your feasts of love when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear.”* “Spots” mean rocks in the sea covered by water. The rock is a hypocrite – an apostate. The water that covers the rock represents the phony hypocrisy of pseudo-happiness! *“Feasts of love”* – means social life – party. *“feeding” “shepherding themselves”* (PPP of ποιμαίνω – shepherd). There is always the danger of the rejection of Biblical proclamation and the desire to shepherd one’s own soul. This is hardness of the heart.