

2 Chron 25:15

Therefore the anger of the LORD was aroused against Amaziah, and He sent him a prophet who said to him, "Why have you sought the gods of the people, which could not rescue their own people from your hand?"

- ✓ *"If I only had a new job."*
- ✓ *"If I could just get a loan from the bank."*
- ✓ *"I wonder what my horoscope says about today?"*
- ✓ *"Maybe I need more bran in my diet."*
- ✓ *"If I never married him or her, things would be so much better."*
- ✓ *"I need to go shopping, I feel so much better after I go shopping."*
- ✓ *"I need to go to the bar and have a few beers and unwind, that will make me feel better after this long week."*

I know some of these sound silly and are things that you would never say or do. But then some of them may hit right at home with you, where you have actually thought about doing one or more of them this very day or week. Nevertheless, the truth is that we all seem to look for ways to be comforted in this life. We examine our jobs, relationships, what we eat, our bank accounts, what stuff we have (or don't have), what we think we need to buy to make our life easier or better and that will make us happy or content.

But, the truth is that we are looking to the world to give us comfort or to help us feel content. We are looking to the things that this world has to offer that never helped anyone. Yet we seem to forget that, and too often, we go right back to it.

Next time you start thinking about the things of this world and what it has to offer, maybe you should stop and quote this portion of today's devotional verse to yourself.

† ***"Why have you sought the gods of the people, which could not rescue their own people from your hand?"***

Then quote this next verse:

† ***2 Cor 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.***

Will you seek the gods of the people (the world), or the God Who created the heavens and the earth and is the GOD of all comfort?

We all have a choice what job we will work, what food we will eat, who we will marry, what car we will buy, what clothes we will wear. But we also have the choice on Who or what we will seek to find what we are looking for, the Lord or the world.

Where will you be looking for comfort and provision today?

- † **Isaiah 12:1-2** *And in that day you will say: 'O LORD, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.'* "
- † **Jeremiah 2:17 (MSG)** *And why do you think all this has happened? Isn't it because you walked out on your God just as he was beginning to lead you in the right way?*
- † **Proverbs 12:5** *The thoughts of the righteous are right, But the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.*