

Jeremiah Outline #6

Jeremiah Chapter 5 – Pastor Ronnie Wolfe – Nov. 5, 2008

I. A MAN TO PREACH THE TRUTH (5:1-9)

A. He Must Execute Judgment (1)

1. Jer. 21:12 *O house of David, thus saith the LORD; Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver [him that is] spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench [it], because of the evil of your doings.*
 - a. Executing judgment would deliver from the spoil out of the land of the oppressor.
 - b. If judgment is not executed, then God's fury will go out (or proceed) like a fire, one that no one can quench.
 - c. This is because of Judah's evil doings.
2. Jer. 33:15 *In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.*
 - a. The Branch of righteousness is Jesus Christ, the Messiah
 - b. He will execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

B. He Must Seek The Truth (1)

1. Prov. 23:23 *Buy the truth, and sell [it] not; [also] wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.*
2. John 8:40 *But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.*
3. The word "seek" in Jer. 5:1 means to "go after, ask or beseech for, to pursue."
4. This is what was needed then, and it is very much needed today.
5. Upon executing judgment and seeking the truth, pardon will be given by God.

C. Those In The Streets And Broad Places Swear Falsely (2-3)

1. They swear falsely, because they do not really know that God lives, although they say he does—to them God is nothing more than another idol.
2. They have been stricken by the Lord, but they do not look to him for knowledge and wisdom. They refuse to return to the Lord.

D. They Do Not Know The Way Of The Lord (4)

E. Jeremiah Will Go To The Princes And Leaders (Great Men) (5)

1. These are the magistrates, kings, princes, and other leaders who once knew the way of the Lord and true judgment
2. But now they have away from God and have broken their bonds and the yoke they once had upon them in service to God.

F. God Was Good To Them Despite Their Sins, But No Longer (6-9)

1. God has given them so much food, and other delicacies.
2. But the lion will come and devour them (6)
3. God puts the whole problem in perspective in verse 8 --Jer. 5:8 *They were [as] fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife.*
4. In verses 8-9 it is mentioned that God will visit Israel and Judah with his revenge (9).

II. GOD DESCRIBES THE DESTRUCTION THAT WILL COME (5:10-19)

A. Command To Destroy (10)

1. Jeremiah commands the Babylonian army to destroy Judah.

2. But the enemy is not to make a complete end
3. The enemy is to take away the “battlements,” which means their foundation.
4. Their foundation was the word of God at one time, but now their foundation is the religion of false prophets and the worshiping of idols.
5. If the enemies of America wanted to break our foundation would that be?
 - a. The Bible is our foundation –
 - (1) Abraham Lincoln: "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book."
 - (2) George Washington: "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."
 - (3) Maybe Andrew Jackson said it best when he said "That book, sir, is the rock on which our republic rests."
 - (4) How can this foundation be destroyed?
 - (5) Not by burning the Bibles. This has already been attempted and failed.
 - (6) Not by disallowing people to read the Bible. This also has failed.
 - (7) But by supplanting it and bringing in something in its place.
 - (8) Modern Versions
 - (9) Other Bibles – Quran or other Bible
 - (10) By teaching against the truths of Scripture – Evolution and some so-called science.
 - (11) Faith in textbooks rather than in the Bible itself.
- B. God’s Assessment Of The Prophets (11-17)
 1. They have belied (or lied about) the Lord. (12)
 2. They dealt treacherously with God (12)
 3. The prophets’ words will become wind, worthless (13).
 4. The prophets’ false words will become like fire to destroy, and the people like wood (14).
 5. God will bring a wicked nation upon Israel and Judah to destroy them (15-17)
- C. God’s Remnant And Partial Destruction (18-19)
 1. Verse 18 tells us that God will leave a remnant, as he always does.
 2. Jeremiah gives the reason for God’s judgment in verse 19.

III. GOD’S GREATNESS SIMPLIFIED (5:20-24)

- A. You Have Eyes And Ears (20-21), but you neither see nor hear.
- B. The Greatness Of God (22)
 1. Do you really fear me? No they don’t (22)
 2. His power is shown in setting the bounds of the sea (22)
- C. The Problem With Israel And Judah (23-24)
 1. They have a revolting and rebellious heart
 2. They do not fear the God of the harvest

IV. A DESCRIPTION OF GOD’S PEOPLE (5:25-31)

- A. Iniquity Is The Problem (25)
- B. They Put Men As Slaves (26-27)
- C. They Have Become Wealthy (28)
- D. God’s Reason For Israel and Judah’s Punishment (29-31)

