

HOPE IN GOD

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Message Title: Where Can You Go?

Message Text: Jeremiah 17:12-18

Introduction

Where do you turn when life is unraveling? Last week we learned how Jeremiah was ministering to the people Judah, the southern kingdom, in the final 40 years before destruction and the captivity in Babylon (586BC). He faithfully preached the message God had revealed urging them to stop trusting in man and make the LORD their hope. A choice to trust in man would only bring a curse. The choice to make the LORD their hope would bring blessing. Only the desperate wickedness of their hearts would cause them to continue to trust in man. In the midst of this, Jeremiah pauses to reflect on who God is and seek Him in prayer.

1. A Personal _____ (12-13)

A. The LORD is Still on His _____ (12)

Jeremiah 17:12 A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

NOTE — The throne of Judah was marked by wickedness. It was not glorious and had been brought low by pride.

A GLORIOUS HIGH THRONE OF GOD

QUOTE: The Jews considered the ark of the covenant in the holy of holies to be God's throne (Psalms 80:1; 99:1), but even if the temple were destroyed, God's heavenly throne would endure forever (Isaiah 6:1). —Weirsbe

Psalms 99:1 The Lord reigneth; let the people tremble: He sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

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DEFINITION—SANCTUARY: a consecrated place where the deity dwells and worship takes place.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Psalms 90:1 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Psalms 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

B. The Lord is _____ in our Troubles (13)

Jeremiah 17:13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.

THE HOPE OF ISRAEL

DEFINITION—HOPE: expectation; confidence, grounds for feeling hopeful; security

Jeremiah 14:8 O the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night?

THE FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATER

Jeremiah 2:13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

QUOTE: Evil is when the creatures of God, his own image-bearers, forsake him, their very source of life, the source of all that quenches their deepest thirsts, and try to quench those thirsts apart from him. Evil is trying to find life anywhere but in God. Apart from God, everything becomes a dry well. Everything here leaks and eventually breaks apart and ends. —Bloom

Revelation 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

2. A _____ Response (14-18)

Psalms 62:8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, Pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

A. _____ Me (14)

Jeremiah 17:14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

DEFINITION—HEAL: to cure; to provide a cure for or make healthy again (whether physically or spiritually)

DEFINITION—SAVE: to save from ruin, destruction, or harm.

Psalm 40:17 But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: Thou art my help and my deliverer; Make no tarrying, O my God.

B. _____ Me (15-16)

Jeremiah 17:15–16 Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the LORD? let it come now. 16 As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee: neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was right before thee.

NOTE — Jeremiah took their mockery and accusations to the LORD.

NOTE — Jeremiah had prophesied that Jerusalem would be destroyed (7:34) and in 597BC Jerusalem was captured and treasures taken (2 Kings 24:13). It would be destroyed in 586BC.

Jeremiah 7:34 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.

NOTE — The people suggested Jeremiah was a false prophet. (Deuteronomy 18:22)

Ecclesiastes 8:11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Ezekiel 24:14 I the LORD have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the LORD God.

C. _____ Me (17)

Jeremiah 17:17 Be not a terror unto me: thou art my hope in the day of evil.

DEFINITION—TERROR: anything that inspires fear or dread.

DEFINITION—HOPE: refuge (source of); something or someone turned to for assistance or security.

Psalm 61:1–4 Hear my cry, O God; Attend unto my prayer. 2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. 3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, And a strong tower from the

enemy. 4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

D. _____ Me (18)

Jeremiah 17:18 Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

DEFINITION—CONFOUNDED: to be ashamed; to be or become characterized by feelings of shame, guilt, embarrassment, or remorse.

DEFINITION—DISMAYED: to be downhearted; to be made low in spirits; be made downhearted.

QUOTE: Jeremiah prays not to be rescued from the persecution but to be delivered through it. —KJSB

James 1:2–4 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing

Psalms 59:9 Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: For God is my defence.

Conclusion

John 6:66–68 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. 67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? 68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

Questions to Consider

Where do I turn when trouble is all around me?

Do my personal reflections in those situations lead me toward God or toward despair?

Is the Lord enough for me right now?

What do I need to ask God for in prayer? Deliverance, vindication, shelter, defense? (*Consider writing out your prayer in a journal*)



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