

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

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PART 13: DISCERNING THE MIND OF GOD

LEARNING HOW GOD THINKS

I previously discussed in this series how God has emotions and He makes decisions based upon them. When Jesus was scrutinized by the Jewish leadership to see if He would break the law, He became angry because of the hypocrisy of the Jewish leadership and the fact that they didn't care about people and their needs. **Mark 3:1-5**

The Jewish leadership failed to understand the anger of God as they pushed their rebellious agenda. **verse 6**

JESUS IS THE CREATOR

In previous sermons over the years, we have learned that God the Father made the decision to begin the creation of the universe, but it was Jesus who carried it out. **John 1:1-4; 14; Colossians 1:9-17; Hebrews 1:1-3**

- ❖ It is Jesus who is the God of the Old Testament.
- ❖ It was Jesus who talked to Adam and Eve, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua etc.
- ❖ Jesus will continue to reign in this creation until all things are finished. This means that Satan, his fallen angels, evil spirits and all unsaved people have been judged and sent to the Lake of Fire. **1 Corinthians 15:22-28**

It is in the Book of Jeremiah that we learn the character of God, how He thinks, the kinds of emotions He displayed, and the actions that came from these emotions.

JESUS EXPRESSED HIS EMOTIONS

Jesus was amazed over the fact that the people of Judah were not ashamed over their sins. **Jeremiah 8:12**

As a result, He was going to act on His emotions and destroy the people of Judah. **verse 13**

The day would come when the people realized they had angered God, but it would be too late to do anything about it, just like a condemned prisoner on death row is resigned to the fact that he is going to die and there is nothing he can do about it. **verses 14-16**

Jesus was going to send serpents and cockatrices that could not be tamed, which would inflict injury upon the people of Judah. **verse 17**

[A cockatrice is a serpent hatched from a cock's egg; it was fabled to kill by its glance and could only be slain by tricking it into seeing its own reflection. Belief in them persisted even among the educated because the word was used in the KJV several times to translate a Hebrew word for "serpent."]



Jeremiah expressed his grief. **verse 18**

Jesus could understand why His people had turned on Him. **verse 19**

Jeremiah felt great grief. The summer season was over and the harvest was in but the people were not saved. There was no balm in Gilead and no help found. **verses 20-22**

DEEP GRIEVING

Jeremiah loved his people and did not take pleasure in the looming judgment from the Lord. A true prophet, pastor, missionary or evangelist loves the people they are ministering to. Jesus would later weep over Jerusalem and Jeremiah wept over his people. **Jeremiah 9:1**

Jeremiah felt the depravity of the people was so gross that he could no longer stand to be in their company. He warned the people not to trust one another since there was only deception and evil thoughts for one another. **verses 2-5**

Jesus confirmed that Jeremiah lived among liars. **verse 6**

MORE JUDGMENTS

Jesus would avenge Himself on the people of Judah because of their lies and deception. **verses 7-11**

There was no wise man among the people of Judah. **verse 12**

Jesus accused the people of Judah of rejecting His laws and refusing to obey what they had been commanded to do. **verse 13**

They had walked after their own vain imaginations and succumbed to the worship of demon gods. **verse 14**

Jesus was going to feed them with bitterness and scatter them among the nations as punishment. **verses 15-16**

The custom in Judah, and in all nations of the Middle East, was to hire women as professional mourners that would cry and wail at the funerals. Jesus told the people of Judah to line up these women for the future judgments to come. He also told them to line up women who were skilled in healing using herbs and occult means in order to be ready for slaughter when the Babylonians arrived. **verse 17-22**

There would be no more glory in wisdom, riches and political powers. **verse 23**

The only glory that had any value was that which was directed to the Lord. **verse 24**

The final judgment of God will be on Jews and Gentiles, when they shall be brought to one judgment seat, the Great White Throne Judgment. **verses 25-26, Revelation 20:11-15**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?