

Jeremiah 27-29 – 22 June 2014

Most of us know of the poor job that Lot did at staying close to God while in Sodom. (Expand)

In this message God will tell us of five attitudes to have enabling us to stay close to Him in an ungodly society.

- Chapter 27
 - Vs 1-5 –
 - Vs 5 – I made the earth, I give over rule of it to whom I will.
 - **The 1st attitude to have is a willingness to submit to the government.**
 - God prophetically told them which govt to follow.
 - If we live in Russia and our govt wants to attack Israel, we can't b/c it's against God's Word.
 - Vs 7 – Belshazzar was Nebo's grandson.
 - Vs 8 – Submit to Babylon or I will punish you.

- Vs 9-11 – Don't listen to Israelite's who say to rebel, but through submission you get what you want, that is to stay in the land.
- Vs 12-15 – Why? They probably thought they were seeking justice and freedom for the Jews. They made a god of "liberty and justice for all".
- Vs 16-22 – Not only were the priests saying that it wasn't going to get worse, but they were saying that it's going to get better (the vessels are coming back from Babylon).
 - Radio stations of the way to PA
 - Positive, encouraging KLOVE
 - Positive, uplifting WXYZ
 - Positive, hopeful WXYR
 - Our relationship with Christ has got to be more than just the nice comfortable things.
 - Notice the Ark of the Covenant isn't in list.
 - Conquerors usually took foreigners gods, but Judah was imageless some they took the temple vessels.

- Don't turn your Christianity into a specific image rather base it on renewed actions determined by an ever-sanctifying belief system.
- Chapter 28 – **Jeremiah drown out by false prophets**
 - Vs 6-9 – Jeremiah says, “I hope you're right”. When it comes to pass, then we'll all know that you're a true prophet.
 - Vs 10-11
 - Jeremiah make his confession for the Lord in Chapter 27
 - Then was bombarded with the opposite from many false prophets, unto which he said, I hope you're right.
 - When things got heated...he left for he already made his point and told the people how they will know who the true prophet is.

- Vs 12-17 – God gave Jeremiah a specific prophecy to tell Hananiah that he would die b/c of “teaching rebellion against the Lord”.
 - Neutrality with God is to be in rebellion against God.
 - Teaching others something “positive” when God has something hard coming is rebellion to God.
- Chapter 29
 - Vs 1-3 – There are 3023 Jews in Babylon who will get Jeremiah’s admonition.
 - Vs 4-5
 - **The 2nd attitude to have is an attentiveness to hard work.**
 - Luke 19:13 – Occupy till I come [back].
 - I Thess 4:11
 - II Thess 3:11-12
 - Vs 6
 - **The 3rd attitude to have is an eagerness for raising a godly family.**
 - Mal 2:15

- Psm 127:3-5
- Qual for Elders, bishops I Tim 3

○ Vs 7

- **The 4th attitude to have is a readiness to love the community.**
- I Tim 2:1-2 – Pray for kings and rulers.
- Gal 6:9-10 – Do good to all
- Heb 13:1-2 – Don't forget to entertain strangers. "Don't forget to love on visitors, b/c in doing so you may be host to angels."

○ Vs 8-14

- **The 5th attitude to have is a diligence to reject feel-good preachers when they oppose God's good plan.**
- Acts 17:11 – Bereans searched the Bible.
- Teachers: givers or takers
 - II Pet 2:2 – lascivious
 - I Pet 5:2 – Don't do it for filthy lucre
- We need to be willing to get rid of the feel-good if it's spiritually harmful. Cut off thy hand if it offend thy.

■ Vs 13

- You be doing these things and then you'll find me when you seek for me.
- Isa 59:2 – Our sins separate us from God so that He will not hear us.
- These 5 attitudes will keep us in a place of closeness to God and usefulness for God!
- Having these 5 right, we'll be in a position to spiritually help...
 - Those in authority
 - Co-Workers
 - Our Family
 - Our Community and acquaintances
 - All religious people
- **See, life isn't about having the right attitude for the attitude's sake; it's about having good, growing spiritual relationships with people.**

○ Vs 15-19

- All this judgment b/c they choose to stay in Judah rather than go as God said.
- Vs 19 – “ye would not hear’ – See, Jeremiah preached just fine, they didn’t want to hear it. (Remember this when witnessing to others)
- Vs 20-32
 - More false prophets trying to get Jeremiah in trouble with the priest in Jerusalem.
 - God will judge them.

Conclusion:

In the end Lot lost all that he lusted after, power and position. God in His grace shows us the way to all things eternal, character and relationships.