

Jeremiah 8:4-9:26 – 9 Mar 2014

1. Intro

- a. Chapter 7-10 aka the Temple Address against false religion.
- b. Paul: “Turn away” from those w/ a “form of godliness”.
- c. 7:1-8:3 – They thought their ‘lucky rabbit’s foot’ (temple) allowed them to have liberty to sin w/o consequence.

2. Read vs 4-6

- a. They stay in the shame of sin b/c they won’t admit the truth.
- b. **I want to show you 4 results of living in acceptance of God’s truth.**

3. Read vs 7-18

- a. Vs 8-9 – In case we needed a reminder; the truth we need is found in God’s Word.
 - i. II Pet 1:3
- b. **1st: Living in acceptance of God’s truth will avoid unexpected judgment.**
 - i. Vs 7 – God does judge.
 1. People say, “Maybe He’ll judge Hitler or murderers but not *me*.” (Unbelievers)
 2. Whatsoever you sow that you’ll reap. (Believers)
 - ii. Vs 14-18 – They’re so self-deceived that they aren’t even protecting themselves against the coming Babylonian invasion.

1. They don't believe it's coming!
 2. Even after watching Israel in the north get judged (Dan reference in vs 16)
 - iii. Will Cass running drug – old friends were arrested within a month of him getting saved. He wasn't there.
- c. **2nd: Living in acceptance of God's truth will avoid the pitfalls of selfishness... looking out for NUMERO UNO!**
- i. Vs 10 – From great to small, we're all susceptible to greed and covetousness.
 1. Read I John 2:16 – All these are to promote SELF!
 2. 2 kinds of non-believers (moral and non-moral)
 - a. I John 2:16 is for the non-moral.
 - ii. Vs 11-13 – These verses are for the moral non-Christians. We're so wrapped up with gaining earthly peace!
 1. God's more concerned with...
 - a. Our holiness than our happiness.
 - b. Our character than our comfort.
 - c. Our spiritual progress than our earthly peace.
 2. Though our outward man perishes our inward man is being renewed day by day.
 - iii. The flesh is always concerned with getting earthly stuff. Look what Christ came here to give us.
 1. Read John 17:6-19 esp 8, 14, 19
4. Read chap 8:19-9:11

a. **3rd: Living in acceptance of God's truth allows us to know Him & please Him and not grieve Him.**

i. God aches to be with us.

1. "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked would turn."

a. Now that He takes pleasure in!

ii. Look at vs 3

1. Denying to live in God's truth is like denying we know HIM. This is the ultimate grief to God!

2. Look at verse 6

3. "Peter, Satan has desired to sift you as wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith fail not."

4. "Hey, you're one of His, for you speak as a Galileen." "I do not know the man!", says Peter.

5. Read vs 12-22

a. **4th: If only the minority is living in acceptance of God's truth, they may still suffer for the majority's decisions.**

i. Vs 20 – shows this suffering passed down the generations.

ii. Israel lost at Ai – there were probably a minority that wanted to ask God FIRST.

iii. The crowd yelled, "crucify Him" – there were probably a minority that were yelling, "save him".

iv. I hit a cat in my truck – the decisions of the many gave us this system that we're in of needing to drive long distances.

6. Solutions

- a. We want to be seen as those that are accepting God's truth.
 - i. Most of us know right now the things of God that we struggle to embrace.
 1. Setting aside sinful pleasures
 2. Ridding ourselves of "the gods" in our lives.
 3. Is God calling you to sacrifice some time to go serve or visit with someone?
 - ii. Def of wisdom: "seeing things from God's perspective."
- b. Let's embrace God's truth in every little area of life.
 - i. You know and I know the area we're talking about.
 - ii. Next....go tell someone that you're accepting God's way of seeing things.
- c. **We've talked about the 4 results of accepting God's truth, but what are the means to get there?**
 - i. **1st: Living in acceptance of God's truth will avoid unexpected judgment.**
 1. Regain a healthy fear and awe for God by reading some Genesis (Noah), Exodus (Moses) or Job.
 2. Regain a healthy disgust for our sin. Read thru Romans especially Romans 7 about the exceeding sinfulness of sin.

ii. **2nd: Living in acceptance of God's truth will avoid the pitfalls of selfishness... looking out for NUMERO UNO!**

1. We referenced I John 2:16 now look at the solution in the very next verse.

a. Grasp the eternal gains of doing will of God?

2. Take new small steps of faith to see God act. This builds our trust up in order to walk in His truth.

iii. **3rd: Living in acceptance of God's truth allows us to know Him & please Him and not grieve Him.**

1. Read Jer 9:23-24

a. We quote, "Without faith it's impossible to please God."

i. Faith? Faith in what?

ii. Substitute for the word "faith", place there "accepting God's truth and God's ways".

2. **What is it that God delights in? (vs 24)**

a. **When we, by faith, come to know and accept and live by who He is. (John 17:3)**

b. Hath the Lord as great a delight in burnt offering and sacrifices as with obeying the voice of the Lord? (I Sam 15:22)

iv. **4th: If only the minority is living in acceptance of God's truth, they may still suffer for the majority's decisions.**

1. President John Quincy Adams story

- a. Trying to pass a bill to end slavery with no help.
- b. Duty is ours, results are God's.
- d. Don't live in a state of denying ***anything*** that God says is true!
 - i. Make it right today.
 - ii. Let this be you verse for the week:
 1. "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not, but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." (II Cor 4:1-2)