

JEREMIAH – A Character Study

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Introduction

Jeremiah was called as a prophet by the Lord. He lived a very normal life. He delivered the word of the Lord for around forty years to the people of Israel. He was not accepted by the people and the kings. The people and the kings didn't obey the words given by the Lord through Jeremiah. So the Lord allowed their enemies to capture the city. The Lord's people were given to their enemies as captives. Today if we the Lord's people are not obeying the word of God we may be punished by the Lord by the sword, the pestilence and the famine. But if we humble ourselves to the Lord and obey his words then our Lord God will forgive our sins and bless us because He is the most merciful and most loving God.

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Jeremiah's Obedience

The Lord said "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; and I ordained you as a prophet to the nations." Then Jeremiah said "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth." But then the Lord said "Do not say, I am a youth, for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you." Jeremiah obeyed the Lord thereafter.

Jeremiah's Strength

The Lord said "Prepare yourself and arise, and speak to them all that I command you, Do not be dismayed before their faces, lest I dismay you before them. For behold, I have made you this day a fortified city and an iron pillar, and bronze walls against the whole land – against the kings of Judah, against its princess, against its priests, and against the people of the land. They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you. For I am with you to deliver you."

Jeremiah: 16: 19 says, "O Lord, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in the day of affliction."

Thus Jeremiah took the Lord as his strength. Nothing else.

Jeremiah's Sufferings

The priests and the prophets spoke to the princess and all the people, saying, "This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears."

Jeremiah said, "As for me, I am at your hands, do with me whatever you think is good and right. Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth." Jeremiah: 26: 14, 15

Jeremiah was imprisoned and was put into dungeon and the cells and he was there for many days. After he had pleaded to the king Zedekiah, he was put in the court of the prison.

Jeremiah's Freedom

In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and his army came against Jerusalem, and besieged it. But the men let Jeremiah free. So he dwelt among the people in the city. As the Lord had said "I will surely deliver you, and you shall not fall by the sword, but your life shall be as a prize to you, because you have put your trust in me."

Jeremiah's God

"Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You. You show loving kindness to thousands and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them the Great, the Mighty

God, whose name is the Lord of hosts. You are great in counsel and mighty in work, for your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, to give everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings. You have set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, to this day, and in Israel and among other men; and You have made Yourself a name, as it is this day. You have brought Your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs and wonders, with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, and with great terror. You have given them this land, of which You swore to their fathers to give them – a land flowing with milk and honey.

Lord said, "Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. They shall be My people, and I will be their God. Our Lord God is the most loving God. Come to Him. Be saved.

Jeremiah's Faithfulness

Jeremiah got a sash according to the word of the Lord and put that around his waist. Then he took the sash that was around his waist and went to the Euphrates, and hid that there in the rock as the Lord commanded him.

The Lord said Jeremiah not to get married at that city and Jeremiah obeyed. Jeremiah bought the field from Hanameel as the Lord said to him to buy it. Thus Jeremiah was obedient to all the words of the Lord God. Today we have obey the words of God.

Jeremiah's Cry

"I weep; my eye, my eye overflows with water; because the comforter, who should restore my life, is far from me. My children are desolate because the enemy prevailed." Said Jeremiah in the Book of Lamentation. "I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of His wrath. He has led me and made me walk in darkness and not in light. Even when I cry and shout, He shuts out my prayer." Said Jeremiah in the Book of Lamentation. My eyes overflow with water for the destruction of the daughter of my people. My eyes flow and do not cease, without interruption. till the Lord from heaven looks down and sees. My eyes bring suffering to my soul because of all

the daughters of my city, said Jeremiah in the Book of Lamentation.

Jeremiah's Hope

Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; says my soul, "therefore I hope in Him!" The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the souls who seeks Him. It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. The Lord will not cast off forever. Though He causes grief, yet He will show compassion according to the multitude of His mercies. For He does not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men. Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the Lord; let us lift our hearts and hands to God in heaven.