

Jeremiah – Part 5

More Woes for the Prophet

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we are beginning a new series of studies on the book of the prophet Jeremiah. Our topic today: More Woes for the Prophet

Scripture Theme Song: “For I know the thoughts”
(Jeremiah 29:11-13)

- 1) Godless Priests and Prophets
 - a) What does God expect from spiritual leaders? Mark 10:42-45; 1 Peter 5:2-4;
 - b) In contrast—Jeremiah 23:14-15; Jeremiah 5:26-31
 - c) What would the LORD God say today about the condition of those who claim to be spiritual leaders of His people?
 - d) How are some leaders able to remind faithful in spite of the corruption around them?
- 2) Persecution of the faithful
 - a) How did Pashhur, the priest and chief governor of the house of the LORD respond to Jeremiah’s testimony? Jeremiah 20:1-2
 - b) The experience of Jesus - John 18:19-23
 - c) The prophecy of Jesus - John 15:18-19; John 16:1-4
 - d) Name some other servants of God who were persecuted simply for speaking the truth.
 - i) John the Baptist – Mark 6:17-18
 - ii) Peter and John – Acts 3:26-Acts 4:3
- 3) The frailty of the human messenger
 - a) What rebuke did the prophet Jeremiah give to Pashhur, this professed spiritual leader? Jer. 20:3-6
 - b) Jeremiah 20:7-14 – Jeremiah sounded so bold a few moments ago. What is going on here?
 - c) Jeremiah 20:15-18 – how would you describe the prophet’s condition here?
 - d) What other prophets struggled with their human frailty?
 - i) Elijah
 - ii) Jonah
 - iii) Peter
 - e) How can we keep our eyes fixed on God and His strength rather than focusing on our human frailty?
 - i) Psalm 16:7-8
 - ii) Phil. 4:6-8
 - f) Share a time when you felt overwhelmed by your human frailty and needed to intentionally turn your attention to the Source of your strength.
- 4) Compelled to proclaim God’s message
 - a) Jeremiah 20:9
 - b) 1 Corinthians 9:16
 - c) Amos 3:7-8
 - d) Are these prophets forced to prophesy? Does God ever violate our free will? John 3:16
 - e) What promises are given to those who choose to cooperate with God?
 - i) Jeremiah 29:11-13.
 - ii) Jeremiah 33:3.
 - iii) Other promises?