

Jeremiah – Part 9

Jeremiah's Yoke

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: Jeremiah's Yoke.

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

- 1) The sacrifice of service – Jer. 16:1
 - a) Compare with Hosea's sacrifice in Hosea 1:1-3.
 - b) What other servants of God made significant sacrifices in order to follow God's directions?
 - c) What sacrifice did Jesus ask each one of us to make as His followers? Matt. 16:24
 - d) How can we be sure what sacrifice God is asking us to make?
- 2) Making bonds and yokes
 - a) Jer. 27:1-3. What is the significance of Jeremiah making bonds and yokes and wearing them on his neck?
 - i) How would these "gifts" be received by surrounding kings who were seeking to make an alliance against Babylon? (v.3)
 - b) Where do we find the courage to share an unpopular message given to us by God? Jer. 1:7-8
 - c) What promises might Jeremiah have claimed when he felt apprehensive about the task given to him?
 - i) Deut. 31:6
 - ii) Joshua 1:7-9
 - iii) Isaiah 41:10
 - iv) Others?
 - d) Jer. 27:5 – What promise is embedded in the instructions given to the prophet Jeremiah?
 - i) How do we know Jeremiah accepted this promise as reliable? Jer. 32:17
 - ii) Is there a process for learning to depend on the promises of God? Psalm 34:8; Mal. 3:10.
- 3) Contending with false prophets
 - a) Jer. 28:1-4 – a supposed prophetic message from "YHWH is gracious" (Hananiah)
 - b) Jer. 28:5-9 What test did Jeremiah encourage the people to apply to the words of Hananiah?(time test)
 - c) Hananiah's response: Jer. 28:10-11
 - d) What was the message of the LORD through the prophet Jeremiah to the false prophet Hananiah? Jer. 28:12-16.
 - e) Was this prophecy fulfilled? Jeremiah 28:17.
 - f) What message was the LORD God sending even through this encounter with a false prophet?
 - g) Why do lies sometimes seem more believable than the truth?
 - h) What are some of the lies told by false prophets today?
 - i) What is the most effective way to respond to false prophets?
- 4) Discussion question: What important lesson is God wanting you to learn from our study today?