

# MESSAGE NOTES

## “Practical Teaching for Everyday Living”

### DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER

Jeremiah: The Weeping Prophet

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Then the LORD told me about **the plots my enemies were making against me.** 19 I was like **a lamb being led to the slaughter.** I had **no idea that they were planning to kill me!** “Let’s destroy this man and all his words,” they said. “Let’s cut him down, so his name will be forgotten forever.” (Je 11:19)

#### Who is plotting against Jeremiah?

- People from his \_\_\_\_\_ town.
  - This is what the LORD says about **the men of Anathoth who wanted me dead.** They had said, “We will kill you if you do not stop prophesying in the LORD’s name.” (Je. 11:21)
- His \_\_\_\_\_
  - Even **your brothers, members of your own family,** have **turned against you.** They plot and raise complaints against you. **Do not trust them,** no matter how pleasantly they speak. (Je. 12:6)

#### So How Should We Treat Preacher?

1. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember** your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. **Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.** Heb. 13:1

2. HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ IN YOUR LEADERS

**Obey your leaders** and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. **Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.** Heb. 13:17

#### What was Jeremiah’s Response?

O LORD of Heaven’s Armies,  
**you make righteous judgments,**  
and **you examine the deepest thoughts and secrets.**  
Let me see **your vengeance against them,**  
for **I have committed my cause to you.** (Je. 11:20)

## HOW SHOULD YOU RESPOND TO THOSE WHO DO EVIL AGAINST YOU?

1. **SUBMIT \_\_\_\_\_ AND YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ OVER TO GOD.**

O LORD of Heaven's Armies,  
***you make righteous judgments,***  
and ***you examine the deepest thoughts and secrets.*** (Je. 11:20)

***I have committed my cause to you.*** (Je. 11:20)

***Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? 14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." 15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.*** (1 Peter 3:13-15)

2. **DO NOT SEEK \_\_\_\_\_ - FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST**

- **DO NOT \_\_\_\_\_**
  - When they hurled their insults at him, ***he did not retaliate;*** (1 Peter 2:23)
- **DO NOT TALK \_\_\_\_\_**
  - when he suffered, ***he made no threats.*** (1 Peter 2:23)
- **PUT \_\_\_\_\_ IN GOD'S HANDS**
  - Instead, he ***entrusted himself*** to him ***who judges justly.*** (1 Peter 2:23)
  - Do not take revenge, my friends, but ***leave room for God's wrath,*** for it is written: ***"It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"*** says the Lord. (Romans 12:19)
- **DO SOMETHING \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE ONE WHO HURTS YOU**
  - If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. (Romans 12:20)

3. **GET YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ OFF THE PERSON WHO HURT YOU**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; ***by his wounds you have been healed.*** 25 For ***you were like sheep going astray,*** but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. 1Peter 2:24-25