

MESSAGE NOTES

“Practical Teaching for Everyday Living”

THE UNTRUSTWORTHY HEART

Jeremiah: the Weeping Prophet

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Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. 4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. Psalm 1

Two Contrasting States of Being or Conditions of the Human Heart

1. IN _____ WE TRUST

This is what the Lord says:

*“Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans,
who rely on human strength
and turn their hearts away from the Lord. (Je 17:5).*

What is a person like who trusts in themselves and not the LORD?

• _____, _____, and WITHOUT _____

*They are like stunted shrubs in the desert,
with no hope for the future.*

*They will live in the barren wilderness,
in an uninhabited salty land. (Je 17:6).*

But not the wicked!

They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind.

They will be condemned at the time of judgment.

Sinners will have no place among the godly. Psalm 1:4-5

2. IN _____ WE TRUST

*But blessed are those who trust in the Lord
and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. (Je 17:7).*

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What is a person like who trusts in the LORD and not in THEMSELVES?

They are like trees planted along a riverbank,
with roots that reach deep into the water.
Such trees are not bothered by the heat
or worried by long months of drought.
Their leaves stay green,
and they never stop producing fruit. (Je 17:8).

WHAT IS THE STATE OF YOUR HEART?

“The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.
Who can understand it? (Je. 17:9)

- THE HEART IS _____
- THE HEART IS _____ (beyond cure)

The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7)

Jesus said, “Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. 34 You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. (Matt. 12:33-34)

SO WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

- PLACE YOUR HEART IN GOD’S _____

But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. (Je. 17:10a)

- YOUR _____ REVEAL YOUR HEART

I give all people their due rewards, according. To what their actions deserve.” (Je. 17:10b)

- CRY OUT TO GOD TO _____ YOUR HEART

O Lord, if you heal me, I will be truly healed;
if you save me, I will be truly saved.
My praises are for you alone! (Je 17:14).

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)