

Jeremiah's Message to America

Selected Scriptures

We live in a day when God is completely ignored and utterly mocked. Wherever you go, sinful man has managed to advance their sinfulness in ways that are often unimaginable. In America, we are seeing an erosion of the justice system, a decline and perversion of morality and a mockery of anything that has to do with God (Jer. 3:21; 5:22-23). When a nation forgets and forsake God, it comes under the judgment of God (Psalm 9:17).

Psalm 11:3 asks, "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" What can/should Christians do? The answer lies in God. ***Because God is merciful to those who keep His covenant, we must remain steadfast in faith and courageous in our testimony to the world.***

Jeremiah lived in a similar situation, and he confronted a rebellious pagan society with three powerful, God-ordained means:

- 1. Because God uses His _____ to save men, we must eagerly _____ it***
Jeremiah was called and equipped for ministry at a very young age (Jer. 1:5-7). God's empowerment of his prophetic/preaching ministry was unparalleled (Jer.1:10). He spoke directly to the issues of his day, confronting them head on. He neither compromises nor sugar-coated his message. He spoke against the sin of idolatry of the nation (Jer. 14:7; 5:7; cf. Jer. 3:9 9:13-14; 11:10; 19:4; 2:12). He spoke against the perversion of marriage (Jer. 3); the abundance of wickedness and the proliferation and tolerance of lies and deceit (Jer.5). He confronted corrupt leadership, both political and spiritual (Jer. 5:13,30).

 - 2. Because God listens to His _____, we must earnestly _____ for our nation***
Jeremiah mourned and wept as he prayed for his people. One of his lamentation and prayer is in Jer. 8:18-9:2. Though Jeremiah knew that the people deserved God's righteous judgment, he did not preach with a proud and superior attitude. He preached it with a broken and compassionate heart because they were his people and he loved them. He was constantly humbling himself before God in prayer (2 Chro. 7:14; 1 Tim 2:1-4).

 - 3. Because God uses His _____, we must endeavor to _____ godly lives***
Jeremiah preached for 42 years and all he received was persecution and ridicule (Jer. 11:18ff. 15:10ff. 18:18ff. 20:7ff.). But through all these, he remained faithful to his calling and lived an obedient life. God used his (godly) life to rebuke this wicked society (Jer. 16) and bring His people back to Himself.
God ordained the believers' godly life to bring transformation in a pagan society. A godly life makes the saving message of the gospel credible to the unsaved (Titus 3:1-2; 1 Pet. 2:12; Phil. 2:14-15).
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Is there hope for America? I believe there is. America's hope is in God. But the wonder of it all is that God chose His people to bring about this hope. As we live a life that represents His kingdom, as we seek to demonstrate His power and grace, God will use both our proclamation and our godly living to bring sinners to repentance and healing to our nation.