

WHAT WILL YE DO IN THE END THEREOF JEREMIAH 5

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Introduction:

This message that Jeremiah preached was during the reign of Josiah a good man who made a honest effort to turn the nation back to God.

Read 2 Kings 23:1-30

In spite of the efforts made the revival was shallow and one that was short lived.

We see much of the same today. People are stirred but it for the most part is short lived.

Why are we not seeing real revival today? I believe the same things that Judea was involved in are the same things that we see happening all around us today.

Notice:

1. TROUBLE

A. Pretense

Jeremiah 3:10

And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 5:12

They have belied the Lord, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine:

1. Feignedly turned to the Lord

Jeremiah 3:21

A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten the Lord their God.

2. Forgot the Lord

B. Shallowness and Hardness

Jeremiah 4:3

For thus saith the Lord to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.

C. Spoiled

Jeremiah 4:13

Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled.

Jeremiah 4:30

And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.

D. Searching

Jeremiah 5:1

Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.

E. Stubbornness

Jeremiah 5:3

O Lord, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

F. Backslid

Jeremiah 5:5

I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the Lord, and the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds.

G. Prideful

Jeremiah 5:12

They have belied the Lord, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine:

H. Ignored God's Word and Warnings along with His Blessings

Jeremiah 5:21

Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not:

I. Rebellious

Jeremiah 5:23

But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone.

J. Preachers preached to please people so that their pay was not affected.

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2. TOLERANCE (JEREMIAH 3:12-15)

Jeremiah 3:12-15

Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger for ever. [13] Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the Lord. [14] Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: [15] And I will give you pastors according to mine heart,

which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

3. TRUTH

The end is coming.

Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

A. For the lost

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Proverbs 16:25

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Read Luke 16

B. For the uncommitted believer

Mark 8:38

Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Luke 9:26

For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

The truth is that many start right and finish wrong. The reason is that they have failed to consider the end thereof.

Galatians 5:7

Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

C. For the faithful Christian

Matthew 25:21-23

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. [22] He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. [23] His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

2 Tim. 4:1-8

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; [2] Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. [3] For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; [4] And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. [5] But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. [6] For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. [7] I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: [8] Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.