

SLIGHTLY

JEREMIAH 8:4-22

Text: Jeremiah 8:11

(Jer 8:11) "For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace."

Introduction:

The people among whom Jeremiah dwelt had received a grievous hurt, and felt it for they were invaded by cruel enemies, their goods were plundered, their children were slain, and their cities burned. Jeremiah with true love to his nation and God warned them that the cause of all their trouble was that they had forsaken God and adopted or incorporated the ways of the wicked among whom they dwelt.

Jeremiah tried to show them that the only way to be healed of their hurt was to be healed of their sin.

To-day God's servants have a task before them even more difficult than that of Jeremiah. We haven't experienced the hurt that Judea did. We have prosperity, and success, and most can't see that they have dire spiritual needs. They are blinded to their condition.

Notice here:

1. CONDITION

(Jer 2:17) "Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way?"

A. People

1. Walked after vanity & became vain (Jer 2:5)
2. Didn't seek the Lord (Jer 2:6)
3. Defiled the land (Jer 2:7)
4. Forsook the Lord & created other things (Jer 2:13)
5. Tried to rectify the problem themselves (Jer 2:22)
6. Denied their condition (Jer 2:23)

B. Priest

1. Didn't seek the Lord (Jer 2:8)
2. Knew not the Lord (Jer 2:8)

C. Pastors

1. Transgressed (Jer 2:8)

D. Prophets

1. Prophesied by Baal (Jer 2:8)
2. Walked after worthless things (Jer 2:8)

E. Politicians

1. Changed their gods (Jer 2:11)
2. Spoiled (Jer 2:14)

2. CONCERN

There was only a slight healing.

Great things will never happen by doing things slightly

A. We will not be what we need as long as we do things as a Christian slightly.

1. Slightly serious about spiritual issues and matters.
2. Slightly serious about reading Gods Word

3. Slightly pray

4. Slightly concerned about lost souls

B. Lost family member will not ever trust Christ as long as we do things as a Christian slightly.

C. Our children will not have a desire to serve God as long as we do things as a Christian slightly.

(Lam 5:7) "Our fathers have sinned, and are not; and we have borne their iniquities."

D. Our community will not be impacted as long as we do things as a Christian slightly.

E. This church will not be what it can be as long as we slightly do things.

The real concern is this attitude of doing things slightly.

3. CONCLUSION

(Jer 8:20) "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."