

Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 59
Jeremiah 6-19
2 Timothy 4, Titus 1-3, Philemon 1, Hebrews 1

Jeremiah 6: Unashamed of abomination

Key Point:

There comes a point in human depravity where a warning is useless because no one will listen. The more we harden our hearts against God's revealed Word, the less we will be able to hear it

Key Verse - Jeremiah 6:15 (NLT)

Are they ashamed of their disgusting actions? Not at all—they don't even know how to blush! Therefore, they will lie among the slaughtered. They will be brought down when I punish them," says the Lord.

Jeremiah 7: Hypocrites are deaf

Key Point:

God will call people, make a case, and expose sin even knowing that people will reject Him because God will not be found unjust when His judgment falls.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 7:27 (NLT)

"Tell them all this, but do not expect them to listen. Shout out your warnings, but do not expect them to respond.

Jeremiah 8: Bones and birds

Key Point:

It often takes a crisis to break the hardness of the hearts of men, but by then it is too late – why not repent while you can?

Key Verse - Jeremiah 8:7 (NLT)

Even the stork that flies across the sky knows the time of her migration, as do the turtledove, the swallow, and the crane. They all return at the proper time each year. But not my people! They do not know the Lord's laws.

Jeremiah 9: Glory to God

Key Point:

The nations glory in their own wisdom but we should glory in the Lord and His goodness, not ourselves. Everyone who rejects God, no matter where they live, will be punished.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 9:23 – 24 (NLT)

This is what the Lord says: “Don’t let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches. 24 But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things. I, the Lord, have spoken!

Jeremiah 10: Idols are false, God is true

Key Point:

Idols are stupid and worthless because they are material things that people worship but the true God is the Creator – transcendent to all.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 10:10 (NLT)

But the Lord is the only true God. He is the living God and the everlasting King! The whole earth trembles at his anger. The nations cannot stand up to his wrath.

Jeremiah 11: Cursed without the covenant

Key Point:

Those who proclaim the Word of God to the hardened hearts of unbelievers can expect a conspiracy against them, but also expect God to have their back.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 11:3 (NLT)

Say to them, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Cursed is anyone who does not obey the terms of my covenant!

Jeremiah 12: I have forsaken my house

Key Point:

The temporary success, so called, of with wicked may be something we have to endure but only because there is a greater challenge in the judgment that is ahead of us. God will judge but He will also restore.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 12:7 (NLT)

“I have abandoned my people, my special possession. I have surrendered my dearest ones to their enemies.

Jeremiah 13: The ruined waist band

Key Point:

God uses multiple means to reach people with the truth – illustrations, figures of speech, evidence, preaching and more – all in an effort to convince people to voluntarily humble themselves.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 13:7 (NLT)

So I went to the Euphrates and dug it out of the hole where I had hidden it. But now it was rotting and falling apart. The loincloth was good for nothing.

Jeremiah 14: The drought

Key Point:

Empty prayer and religious ritual will not avail anyone if the heart is not truly repentant. False prophets who only tickle the ears of the people will fall.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 14:1 (NLT)

This message came to Jeremiah from the Lord, explaining why he was holding back the rain:

Jeremiah 15: You keep going backwards

Key Point:

There comes a point where people are irredeemable, but God will see to it that His remnant endures.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 15:6 (NLT)

You have abandoned me and turned your back on me,” says the Lord. “Therefore, I will raise my fist to destroy you. I am tired of always giving you another chance.

Jeremiah 16: Don’t take a wife and have kids

Key Point:

Jeremiah is to live among the people, but not to be part of their celebrations nor is he to mourn any longer for the future. This lifestyle will act as a witness.

Key Verse - 16:2 (NLT)

“Do not get married or have children in this place.

Jeremiah 17: The heart is deceitful**Key Point:**

It is God who tests the heart and mind. If we seek God we will be established, if we don't, we will be put to shame.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 17:9 – 10 (NLT)

“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? 10 But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve.”

Jeremiah 18: The potter's house**Key Point:**

It is God who allows all existence, so God can reshape any nation or person as He pleases.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 18:4 (NLT)

But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it into a lump of clay again and started over.

Jeremiah 19: Breaking the pot**Key Point:**

God will repeat Himself and be as dramatic as possible to make His point of warning. God is longsuffering.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 19:11 (NLT)

Then say to them, ‘This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: As this jar lies shattered, so I will shatter the people of Judah and Jerusalem beyond all hope of repair. They will bury the bodies here in Topheth, the garbage dump, until there is no more room for them.

2 Timothy 4: Fought the good fight**Key Point:**

Many people won't want good teaching in the end, but whatever they want to hear, so be faithful, teach the Word only, and remember there is a crown of reward in the end.

Key Verse - 2 Timothy 4:7 – 8 (NLT)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. 8 And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

Titus 1: Appoint good elders**Key Point:**

Elders need to be well-tempered men with good families who are not legalistic. They can enjoy basic and Godly pleasures but are not licentious.

Key Verse - Titus 1:5 (NLT)

I left you on the island of Crete so you could complete our work there and appoint elders in each town as I instructed you.

Titus 2: Live sensibly**Key Point:**

Godly temperate character in every station of life is what we should teach, and we should teach it with authority.

Key Verse - Titus 2:11 – 12 (NLT)

For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. 12 And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God...

Titus 3: How He saved us**Key Point:**

We should show, as good citizens, our witness because we were saved from foolish living. Learn to meet urgent needs.

Key Verse - Titus 3:5 – 6 (NLT)

he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. 6 He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. 7 Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

Philemon 1: Appeal for Onesimus

Key Point:

As leaders, we should appeal to people for love’s sake to do the right thing rather than be heavy handed. We should also, however, be the kind of leaders who will lead by example.

Key Verse - Philemon 1:10 – 11 (NLT)

I appeal to you to show kindness to my child, Onesimus. I became his father in the faith while here in prison. 11 Onesimus hasn’t been of much use to you in the past, but now he is very useful to both of us.

Hebrews 1: Christ: Greater than angels

Key Point:

Jesus is God in the flesh and is therefore due all the honor, worship, allegiance, and glory of God unlike any angel.

Key Verse - Hebrews 1:14 (NLT)

Therefore, angels are only servants—spirits sent to care for people who will inherit salvation.