

Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 60

Jeremiah 20 - 32

Hebrews 2 - 7

Jeremiah 20: I burn inside to speak

Key Point:

When God’s word is certain, no persecution will shut it down, but those who proclaim God’s word cannot expect it to be easy.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 20:9 (NLT)

But if I say, “I will not remember Him Nor speak anymore in His name,” Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; And I am tired of holding it in, And I cannot endure it.

Jeremiah 21: Surrender or die

Key Point:

In God’s longsuffering there comes a point of no return. In that day, repentance and surrender to God’s will is the only option other than death.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 21:9 (NLT)

Anyone who stays in this city will die by the sword, by famine, or by plague; but anyone who leaves and goes over to the Chaldeans who are besieging you will live, and he will have his own life as plunder.

Jeremiah 22: Coniah will be cut off

Key Point:

God is longsuffering and calls to us when times are good, but if we will not respond to Him we have only ourselves to blame.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 22:13 (NLT)

“Woe to him who builds his house without righteousness, And his upstairs rooms without justice, Who uses his neighbor’s services without pay And does not give him his wages...”

Jeremiah 23: False prophets

Key Point:

When supposed religious leaders twist God’s word into something popular, they cannot expect to hear God’s REAL word when they really need it – His real word will appear to be a burden to them when they are the real burden.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 23:24 (NLT)

Can a person hide himself in hiding places So that I do not see him?" declares the Lord. "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 24: Two baskets of figs

Key Point:

Sometimes God’s point of view is counter-intuitive because God is interested in the condition of the heart.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 24:2 (NLT)

One basket had very good figs, like first-ripe figs, and the other basket had very bad figs which could not be eaten due to rottenness.

Jeremiah 25: His wrath is coming

Key Point:

It is a fearful thing to fall under the judgment of God. Do NOT take Him lightly simply because judgment has been “so long” delayed from your point of view.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 25:11 (NLT)

This entire land will be a place of ruins and an object of horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon for seventy years.

Jeremiah 26: Jeremiah is arrested

Key Point:

When God’s message is not popular, the people will resort to violence to close their ears, but live or die, true preachers of God’s word will not back down.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 26:8 (NLT)

Yet when Jeremiah finished speaking everything that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, “You must die!

Jeremiah 27: Submit to Babylon and live

Key Point:

God is not unfair. He will even warn pagan nations of judgment to come.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 27:12 (NLT)

I spoke words like all these to Zedekiah king of Judah, saying, “Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him and his people, and live!

Jeremiah 28: Hananiah lies

Key Point:

God does not lie or fail so His prophets cannot lie or fail either. Biblical prophets have the test of fulfilled prophecy, therefore, we must listen and respond to them.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 28:16 (NLT)

Therefore, this is what the Lord says: ‘Behold, I am going to remove you from the face of the earth. This year you are going to die, because you spoke falsely against the Lord.’”

Jeremiah 29: Seventy years but I know my plans for you

Key Point:

God will expose false prophets and one can know a prophet (or preacher or religious leader) is false by the fruit of their personal lives.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans for prosperity and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 30: I will restore you

Key Point:

God will ultimately uplift the Jewish people, David will be raised up and Messiah will lead them into real relationship with God.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 30:10 (NLT)

And do not fear, Jacob My servant,’ declares the Lord, ‘And do not be dismayed, Israel; For behold, I am going to save you from far away, And your descendants from the land of their captivity. And Jacob will return and be at peace, without anxiety, And no one will make him afraid.

Jeremiah 31: A new covenant

Key Point:

God has promised restoration, blessing and protection for His people that will come to pass in the last days and the heartbreak of the past will be eased.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 31:31 (NLT)

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah

Jeremiah 32: Buy a field**Key Point:**

God’s promises are so certain that even in the bleakest of times He has a plan of restoration and hope.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 32:9 (NLT)

“So I bought the field which was in Anathoth from Hanamel my uncle’s son, and I weighed out the silver for him, seventeen shekels of silver.

Hebrews 2: Tempted like us**Key Point:**

Since God has attached humanity to His deity He can fully identify with our situation and truly ransom us from death since He is fully man and fully God.

Key Verse - Hebrews 2:18 (NLT)

Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.

Hebrews 3: Jesus: Greater than Moses**Key Point:**

We should not give in to unbelief and resist the teaching of God that salvation is by faith in Jesus, not by keeping the law even as those to whom the law was given resisted keeping the law – and died as a result.

Key Verse - Hebrews 3:3 (NLT)

But Jesus deserves far more glory than Moses, just as a person who builds a house deserves more praise than the house itself.

Hebrews 4: Two edged sword of the Word**Key Point:**

Unbelief keeps people from entering into God’s promise of rest, just as it did to the ancient Jews, but since we have God’s promise through His word we must act on it right now.

Key Verse - Hebrews 4:2 (NLT)

For this good news—that God has prepared this rest—has been announced to us just as it was to them. But it did them no good because they didn’t share the faith of those who listened to God.

Hebrews 5: Not solid food

Key Point:

The Son of God, our perfect High Priest, gave us salvation through His suffering and there is a depth to this teaching that too many believers miss because they are stuck on the basics rather than the deep.

Key Verse - Hebrews 5:12 (NLT)

You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God’s word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food.

Hebrews 6: Grow up!

Key Point:

God cannot lie and has promised that if we trust in Jesus by faith He will save us so we should bear the fruit of that faith and not retreat back into powerless ritual expecting to find salvation outside of Christ.

Key Verse - Hebrews 6:1 (NLT)

So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don’t need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God.

Hebrews 7: Order of Melchizedek

Key Point:

Jesus is the eternal God, He is our High Priest and His service to us as High Priest brings us a salvation that protects us before the holiness of God and will last forever.

Key Verse - Hebrews 7:25 (NLT)

Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.