## Sermon Outline



TEXT to connect (269-280-2878): Text "welcome" if you are new, or "prayer" if you would like prayer.

May 25, 2025

"God and Our Growth"
Pastor Kris Neider

Introduction: Return to Jerusalem from Babylonian Captivity in 535 B.C.;
Beginning of the Rebuilding of the Temple
https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/parallel/paral18.cfm

1. Praise for God's Sovereignty (vv.1-4)
A. God deserves glory and praise (vv.1-2)

B. God's power is recognized by his enemies (v.3)

C. God is praised in all the earth (v.4)

- - A. From Egypt (vv.5-6)
  - B. From Babylon (vv.7-9)
- 3. Praise for God's Discipline (vv.10-12)
  - A. Speaking to God (v. 10a)

- B. The smelting process (v.10b)
- C. Trials and tribulations in Babylon (vv. 1-12)
  - i. God has plans to bless Israel (Jer. 29:11)

## **Application**

- 1 God is awesome and deserves worship
- 2. Bad things happen to all people
- 3. God uses trials to grow us
  - A. The most righteous man on earth (Job 1:1-3)
  - B. God suggests Job (Job 1:8)
  - C. Job is now closer to God (Job 42:5)

## What's Next?

- June 1, "God and His Creations" Psalm 19, Pastor Knute Larson
- June 8, "God and His Love" Psalm 45, Pastor Brendan Keener