



# House of New Beginnings

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## **Trusting the Creator, Not the Creation (Jeremiah 10)**

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### **Devotion and Discussion Questions**

#### **Key Texts:** Jeremiah 10

We live in a world where distractions and idols constantly compete for our attention. Like the people of Judah in Jeremiah's time, we often turn to things—created things, human ideas, or cultural norms—to find comfort, control, or power. But God calls us to trust Him alone. In Jeremiah 10, we are reminded that the things we put our trust in, if not God, are futile and lead to idolatry. This message encourages us to rely on the Creator, not the creation, to guide our lives.

#### **1. Beware of Cultural Idols**

*Jeremiah 10:2-3 (TLV): "Thus says Adonai: Do not learn the way of the nations or be frightened by signs of the heavens, though the nations are terrified by them. The customs of the peoples are useless— it is just a tree cut from the forest."*

The people of Israel were surrounded by nations worshiping false gods and idols. They were tempted to follow the trends and practices of their surrounding cultures. Today, we face similar temptations in our society—cultural norms, materialism, technology, and self-reliance can become modern-day idols. We must be vigilant not to let these things take God's place in our hearts. Are there any cultural idols present in your life? Are you placing your trust in material things, your career, or public opinion instead of God?

#### **2. Idols are Powerless; The LORD is All-Powerful**

*Jeremiah 10:5-6 (TLV): "Like a scarecrow in a cucumber garden, their idols cannot speak. They must be carried because they cannot walk. Do not fear them, for they can do no harm nor any good. There is none like You, Adonai! You are great, and great is Your Name in power."*

The idols people worshipped in Jeremiah's time were lifeless—they could not speak, move, or help. Similarly, the things we often place our trust in today—whether it be money, status, or technology—are ultimately powerless to save us. In contrast, God is alive, powerful, and sovereign. He alone can carry us through life's challenges. Have you been placing your trust in things that cannot sustain or save you? God alone is the source of life and power—trust in Him fully

### **3. Trust in the Creator, Not in Created Things**

*Jeremiah 10:12-13 (TLV): "He made the earth by His power, established the world by His wisdom, and stretched out the heavens by His understanding. When He utters His voice, the waters in heaven roar, and He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain and brings forth the wind from His storehouses."*

Jeremiah reminds us that God is the Creator of everything. He alone deserves our worship and trust. When we try to control life's outcomes by relying on created things, we miss the greater truth—that God is sovereign, and we are called to trust in Him for our every need. Do you trust the Creator with your future, your needs, and your challenges? Let go of anything you are using as a substitute for God and surrender fully to His will.

**Turn Away from Idols, Turn to the Living God".** Today, God is calling us to examine our hearts. Are there any idols in your life? What are you trusting more than Him? Maybe it's a job, a relationship, your health, or your financial security. These things can't save you—they're like scarecrows in a field, powerless to help. Call to Him today. Lay down your idols, and choose to trust the Living God. He's inviting you to surrender and find life in Him.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. In what ways do modern idols appear in our lives, and how can we identify them?
2. Why do you think people are drawn to trusting created things instead of God?
3. What are some practical steps you can take to remove idols from your life and refocus on trusting God?
4. How can we help others in our community recognize and turn away from their idols?
5. Reflect on a time when you placed your trust in something other than God. What was the outcome, and how did God show you His power in that situation?

#### **Closing Prayer:**

*God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,* we come before You, recognizing that You alone are worthy of our trust. Forgive us for the times we've placed our hope in created things, seeking control or comfort in anything other than You. Help us to recognize and tear down the idols in our hearts. We ask that Your Word would transform us from the inside out, giving us a deeper trust in You, our Creator. We surrender every part of our lives to You and ask that You guide us in Your wisdom and strength. May we walk in faith, trusting in You alone

*B'Shem Yeshua,* In Yeshua's name, we pray. Amen.