



Prophet Prophesying Eternal Life



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In the Holy Book of Jeremiah and his prophecies, God is questioning the people and is seeking answers to eternal questions. He is also teaching us how one can live a faithful life with Him.

1. *They shall fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you (Jer, 1:19).*

The Lord stretched His hand and touched Jeremiah's lips blessing it and Jeremiah the faithful prophet delivered all the sayings of the Lord sincerely but the evil generation answered him saying "Do not prophesize with the name of the Lord."

So they put him in jail and fed him the bread of hardships and they also put him in a den full of mud.

Whoever carries the Word of the Lord in his mouth is like a soldier who is fighting the world but the Lord Jesus Christ has overcome the world and is able to make His soldiers victorious.

2. *Why have the people slid back, Jerusalem, in a perpetual backsliding? (Jer, 8:5).*

Jeremiah cried for the people's sins and their toughened hearts is similar to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ when He said to the women who were mourning on the way to the Holy Cross "*daughters of Jerusalem do not weep for Me but weep for yourselves and for your children*" (Luke, 23:28).

Throughout the Holy Book of Jeremiah, God is blaming mankind while saying that He will be faithful till the end but the corruption in the human nature always faces this love with hatred. When Judas sold his Master for money



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that is the root of all evil and made his teacher's price as the price of a slave. "Because they will price who is with no price."

3. *They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living water, and hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that cannot hold water (Jer, 2:13).*

The people of Israel were prideful to their idols, and were like the people of Ephesus who were prejudice to their God, We find that the Israelites left the true God and were looking for the soldiers of pharaoh to protect them and a king to lead them and they forgot all about God's promises to them in the wilderness.

4. *Yet I had planted you a noble vine (Jer, 2:21).*

This vine resembles the people of Israel who were moved by God from the land of Egypt and planted them in the promise land but they did not bring forth good fruits. If the vine did not rely on its roots, it cannot live. That is why when the Israelites left God and did not rely on Him they fell and their fall was great.

5. *Behold they rejected the word of the Lord; so what wisdom do they have? (Jer, 8:9).*

One of the great characteristics of the Holy Book of Jeremiah is that it faces the human soul with all its sins. The Kingdom of Judah was flattered for having the Temple of the Lord which was built by Solomon as if it was their salvation from their sins and that's why sins had prevailed in the people and Jeremiah the Prophet was not able to warn them and they deserved their judgment. The people kept waiting for the Messiah who will become the sacrifice that is able to purify the whole nation.



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The life of sin in general is a proof of ignorance. Zedekiah the king thought that he is safe from all the judgments that Jeremiah had spoken about when he built a place to hide for himself to hide in.

6. *Unless you have utterly rejected us* (Lam. 5:22).

God is much greater for a human to be angry with Him because in that case the human is the one who is losing but wonder that God is trying to reconcile with mankind by His own death on the cross.

7. *Shall I not revenge myself on such nation as this* (Jer. 9:9).

The people of Israel did not care for God's warning on the mouths of the prophets and they deserved the sentence of death but at that point God's mercy interfered and this the secret of the Holy Bible where God exchanged the Law of the Old Testaments, the law of punishment, to the Law of the New Testament, the law of forgiveness.

8. *Yet I will not make a complete end of you, But I will correct you in justice* (Jer. 30:11).

The hardship the Israelites went through while living in the land of Babylon resembles the life of sin where we are not able to stand up and face our enemy. During this time the people of Israel lost their pride and turned into slaves for seventy years and they looked forward for salvation similarly we were slaves to sin till the Lord Jesus Christ came and bought us and we now have a great value, the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

9. *How lonely sits the city that was full of people!* (Lam. 1:1).

When the Chaldeans invaded Jerusalem they destroyed the houses on the heads of their owner, the land became full of dead bodies and those who fled were broken into two groups. The first groups were taken to Babylon and the second group left the city and Jeremiah was one of this groups. Some of this group decided to immigrate to Egypt and they forced Jeremiah the Prophet to go with them. The

last sin a person can do is to refuse the punishments of the Lord preferring to go to Hades over meeting with the Lord. Regardless of all the sins of the people God fulfilled His promises.

10. *Where is the grain and wine* (Lam. 2:12).

The beauty of the Holy Book of Jeremiah is that it resembles the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ. The children dying in their mother's bosom because of the lack of grain they are actually dying for the Holy Communion. The Holy Book of Jeremiah tells the store of how God used the hardships in Babylon to take out the worship of idols from His people. Similarly God used the betrayal of Judas to bring forth the salvation.✠

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