

Sermon Notes – July 13, 2014

Review

- We saw that Jeremiah was called to serve God during a very difficult period. Do you remember these dates: 931 BC, 722 BC, 586 BC?
- Last week we asked two questions about idolatry:
 1. What do you feel like you have to have?
 2. What is functioning as your savior right now?

Today's Study: Jeremiah 3:1-4:2

A Collection of Poetry and Prose with One Message—R_____!

1. A d_____ marriage with no hope of r_____...

- A graphic description of unfaithfulness (3:1-5)
Judah is beyond the point of return (Deut. 24:1-4)
- Failure to learn from what happened to Israel (3:6-11)
- God's message to scattered Israel speaks hope to the yet-to-be-judged Judah (3: 12-13)

2. T_____ children with no i_____...

- God's desire for His children—an inheritance (3:14-18)
- How can I call you my children or my wife? (3:19-20)
- A faithful God not only calls us to return, he enables us (3:21-22a)

3. Finally! Repentant people with God's help...

- The voice of those who have returned (3:22b-25)
- God's response to true repentance (4:1-2)

Let's Talk about Us

Every person has to choose:

An intimate, exclusive relationship with God

-or-

Following another god

Last week we talked about idolatry

- In what way is all sin based in idolatry?
- The d_____ and d_____ of idolatry is always easier to see from the outside
- We tend to r_____ our own idolatry

Why does God call us to return? Mere o_____?

- I_____—sin not only breaks rules, it breaks r_____
- God wants us to be part of His plan (4:2)
- God wants us to experience the s_____ that is only found in him. Thirsty?

Encouragement! The God who calls us to return, comes to our aid (Romans 8:1-4)

- True and complete repentance does not: speak empty words (3:5), try to avoid c_____ (3:25), or hold onto idols (4:1)

Is anything preventing you from enjoying an intimate and exclusive relationship with God?

Next Sunday: July 20, 2014

**“This is Pure & Undeified Religion
in God's Sight...”**

Jeremiah 7

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