

Jeremiah

Chapter 9

24 For if he is going to boast then let him boast in this that he understands and knows me for I am Yahowah who exercises lovingkindness, judgment and righteousness¹ in the earth for in these things I delight says Yahowah².

Chapter 12

1- You are righteous Yahoah when I plead with you. Yet, let me talk with you of your judgments, why does the way of the wicked prosper, those who deal treacherously are at ease!

2- You have planted them they also took root they grow they also bare fruit you are near in their mouth but far from what controls their conduct³.

¹ There are many today that fail to realize that God is a God of judgment and righteousness as much as a God of mercy and truth. We must understand that God saved us and delivered us so that we may live in His presence. The life of Jesus came into us through the shedding of His blood and the impartation of the Holy Spirit and we will be held accountable for how we live this life of grace and glory. As God begins to executing judgment on the house of Judah and upon Jerusalem because of their continued sin and rebellion He reminds His people what He delights in, lovingkindness, righteousness and judgment. They had forsaken the ways of God and no longer desired to walk in lovingkindness, righteousness and judgment. God had suffered long with them and in His lovingkindness and tender mercies and allowed them to blaspheme and profane His Holy name. However, their space of time to repent had come to an end and the Almighty stepped in to execute judgment upon them. Many of that day complained saying wherein have we sinned? They thought that covenant and ritual was all that they needed to guarantee their acceptance with God but they were wrong. They failed to realize that they needed to repent and walk in obedience before the Lord if they were going to continue in the covenant. John the Baptist, Jesus and Paul all faced the same kind of stubborn blindness from the Jews of their day (Matthew 3:7-10; John 8:33; Romans 2-4). The children of Israel would have to come under the judgment of God even though the rest of the world was not held accountable at that time. Why, because much had been given the Lord had chosen them from all of the families of the earth and given them the revelation and gift of His presence but they choose rather to give themselves to the lust that the Gentiles had followed after and as a result their circumcision had become uncircumcision (Amos 3:2; Jeremiah 9:26).

God's people had forsaken the fountain of life and had lost their boasting in His glory and rather boasted in their own accomplishments. They boasted in their wisdom, their might and in their riches but they had forgotten altogether true spiritual understanding. They had forgotten the God of lovingkindness, righteousness and judgment. They had forgotten that God had redeemed them so that they could be a treasured people who were to be devoted to walking in lovingkindness, righteousness and judgment. Rather they became devoted to themselves and their own fame and prosperity. We must recognize that the kingdom of God is not about ritual but is all about righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost (Romans 14:17). We must put life in its proper perspective and labor for those things, which pertain unto eternal life (John 6:27; Hebrews 4:11; Matthew 6:19-20; Romans 2:7,10; Matthew 16:26; Mark 8:36; Luke 9:25).

² Every good and perfect thing comes to us from the Father in whom there is no changing forever (James 1:17). As He has been He will continue to always be for He is unchanging. He is the one who gives all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). He is the one who brings forth lovingkindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth. He has shown His people what He requires of us. He wants us to do justly love lovingkindness, and walk humbly with Him (Micah 6:8). Above all things God wants us to walk in love and to show a kindness to all men continually. God wants us to be covenant keepers. It is a great tragedy how so many of God's become offended and instead of walking in the love and mercy they walk away from relationships. Yet, the most important thing to God is that we find ourselves loving His lovingkindness and showing the covenant love that has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

3- But you Yahoah you know me you have seen me

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3- From the distant past Yahowah appeared to me and I have loved you with an everlasting love therefore I have drawn you with covenant love⁴.

³ The true evidence that a person belongs to God is revealed by the conduct of life (Matthew 7:16-18; Titus 1:16; Romans 8:1, 14-16). God gave the children of Israel a covenant that He might plant them and build them as His people. Each person in Israel was blessed with the grace to come into this covenant. Many had become ritualistic with the covenant of God. They attended church, participated in all of the rituals and had a real good story to tell about their trust in God but it never came from their inward parts. It was always a show and never the truth of what they were motivated to do inwardly. Inwardly, their desires and impulses were those of a ravenous wolf a people whose eyes were full of adultery which could not cease from doing evil (Jeremiah 13:27; 23:14; Ezekiel 22:27; Zephaniah 3:3; Isaiah 1:21; Matthew 7:15; 23:27; 2 Peter 2:14). The people thought that all they had to do was offer a sacrifice to God and all would be well as though God was only interested in ritual. Then without conviction they continued on in their sin and rebellion, justifying their wickedness with no regard to the fact that God looks on the hidden man of the heart. People do wrong and say well God knows my heart. These people did what seemed to be right and God also knew their heart. If your heart is truly right then your deeds will be right. Your walk with God will be far more than just lip service and ritual or legal obligation (Matthew 15:8; Mark 7:6). Rather, you will love God and love His ways and His presence and be unwilling to do anything to lose that blessed place of fellowship with Him. When people can worship God in His sanctuary and then rejoice in sinning there light has turned to darkness (Matthew 6:23-24). The greatest tragedy of all is the effect that the sin and iniquity of God's people have on the rest of humanity. When the people of God commit acts of sin and iniquity they pollute the name of the Lord (Jeremiah 34:16; Ezekiel 39:7). Transgression among God's people causes the name of the Lord to be blasphemed among the Gentiles, Jesus is brought to an open shame, the Spirit of God is outraged and the blood of the covenant trampled under foot (Romans 2:24; Hebrews 10:29; 2 Timothy 2:19).

Jeremiah was deeply concerned for the people of Israel who were being deceived by these false preachers. He wondered why their ministries seemed to prosper while he was left to be the sacrificial lamb, hated and rejected. He did not realize that they were going to treat him in the same way they treated God who had put His words in his mouth (Jeremiah 1:9). These unfaithful leaders had an outward show of being those who instructed the people of God in truth but in reality they led the people astray. Why was it allowed? The ministry of an unfaithful priesthood brought a spirit of strong delusion upon the people. Because of this strong delusion and deception the people had no ears to hear the words that came from the mouth of the prophet Jeremiah. What everyone must understand is that sin makes the heart hard against God. The people of Israel had developed itching ears through rebellious and disobedient hearts and so God will send them a spirit of strong delusion (2 Timothy 4:3; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11). Instead of giving themselves to know the voice of the Lord through obedience and submission to His will they gave themselves to every form of lust.

We must all remain sensitive to the Spirit of the Lord so that our hearts may be governed by His righteousness and holiness. We must give ourselves to faithfully obeying His word lest we should be overcome by the spirit of disobedience. Let there be a witness that God controls your passions and emotions- by turning away from the iniquity that opposes us and seeks to influence us. Let us not only love the Lord in word but also in deeds, doing His will from our heart!

⁴ Yahweh appeared to Adam, Enoch, Abraham, Moses and all of Israel in the distant past. He extended His arms towards man calling them to come and be with Him. The chief cry of His heart has always been for man to love Him as He loves them (Deuteronomy 6:5; 11:13; 30:6). God's desire to be with us was so intense that the Word became flesh in order to give His life to remove all the darkness that separated us from them. In the midst of the Father's extravagant love for us the prophet Zephaniah said that Yahweh rejoices over us with joy, He rejoices over us with singing (Zephaniah 3:17). There has been no one in our life so excited about who we are and so in love with you as God is. When we embrace this fellowship of love we find ourselves caught up in the celebration and wonder of life. The Lord Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit have come to make their dwelling with us because all of the Father's delights are with us (Psalms 16:3; Jeremiah 31:3). From the day that Adam ran away from the loving voice of the Father in the

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- 1-And this is the word of Yahowah unto Jeremiah the second time while he was shut up in the court of the prison.
- 2- Here is what Yahowah the maker says Yahowah that formed it that established it Yahowah is His name.
- 3- Call unto me and I will answer you and I will make known to you great and precious things that you have not known.
- 4- For thus says Yahowah the God of Israel unto the house of this city and to the house of the king of Judah who tears down by rampart and sword.
- 5- They come to fight with the Chaldeans but it is to fill them with the dead bodies of men which I have smitten in my anger and in my fury and from which I hide my face from this city because of all of its wickedness.
- 6- Behold bring to her restoration and healing and I will cure them and I will reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.
- 7- And I will cause the captives of Judah to return and the captives of Israel and I will build them as at the first.
- 8- And I will cleanse them from all their iniquities by which they have sinned against me and I will forgive all of their iniquities by which they have sinned against me and by which they rebelled against me.
- 9- And it shall be to me a name of joy as a song of praise and for splendor before all the nations of the earth that shall hear of all the goodness which I shall do for it. They shall be in awe and tremble because of all the prosperity and because of all the peace, which I have made for it⁵.

midst of the garden God has worked to arrange everything to redeem man from his prison of darkness. The day of His glorious liberty dawned upon us when the Word was made flesh and announced to all mankind that the hour has come that we may worship the Father in Spirit and in truth (Luke 2:14; John 4:23). The glorious liberty has brought us back to a place of union with the Father where we can rejoice over Him as He rejoices over us. We are now liberated to worship him without fear in righteousness and holiness all the days of our lives (Luke 1:75). When we serve God or worship him it is not to be done as men serve or worship idols. Satan twisted the whole concept of worship through the idolatry that he taught to man. When we worship or serve God this is an exchange of affection an interaction of communion. Yes, Father has His place upon the throne to which all heaven and earth bows but He also has a place in the round dance as we rejoice over one another (Zephaniah 3:17). He has a place with us in our walk and movement from day to day as our friend and companion (Genesis 3:8; 5:24; 6:9; Isaiah 2:3; Romans 8:1; Galatians 5:25; Colossians 2:6). He has his place in the midst of us as one who regards our lives so sacred that he has made us His dwelling place (John 14:23; 1 Corinthians 3:16).

⁵ Jeremiah once again prophesies concerning the results of the new covenant that God has now established (31:33; Hebrews 8:10; 10:16). God has glorified us with His salvation and has purposed that all the nations of the earth should see the beauty of this heavenly glory that He has given to us (Isaiah 55:5; Psalms 149:4; John 17:21-23). All the nations are to see the glory of the church, which is clothed with the majesty and fullness of God (Ephesians 1:23; Isaiah 60:1; Matthew 5:14). The church is to be that nation which God has given the kingdom to and is to bring forth the fruits of it and as a result experience days of heaven on earth (Matthew 21:43; Deuteronomy 11:21).

The splendor and the glory of Gods presence is to be so revealed in the midst of our lives and subsequently the church, that even Israel would be provoked to Jealousy (Romans

10- This says Yahowah again there shall be heard in this place which you have said is desolate without man and without beast in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate without man and without inhabitants and without beast.

11- The voice of rejoicing and the voice of joy the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride the voice of them saying praise Yahowah of Host for Yahowah is good for His lovingkindness is forever bringing thanksgiving to the house of Yahowah for I will cause the captivity of the land to return as at the first says the Lord.

12- Thus says Yahowah of Host again there shall be in this place that is desolate without man and beast and in all shepherds causing their flocks to lie down.

10:19-20). There are those such as the Orthodox and the ultra-Orthodox Jews who know something about the protocol of being in the Holies of Holies and the manifest glory of God. Albeit, their understanding is only derived from an intellectual prospective but none-the-less is still somewhat accurate. At least it is close enough as to discern when the church is walking around in the place of joy, praise and splendor that are only found in the Holies of Holies (Hebrews 10:19). Today, each one of us are invited to step into this place where God dwells by the blood of Jesus. Right now and everyday we can walk in the glory that we have access to by the Spirit (Ephesians 2:6,18; Hebrews 12:22-24).