

Five Keys to Enduring Pain  
Jeremiah: The Christ-like Prophet, part 5  
Jeremiah 15:10-21

Jeremiah 15:18: Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed?

- Life is very painful, and Jeremiah can help us through our own pain.
- When you are in pain, it is often difficult to remember what you're supposed to remember.
- God had told Jeremiah how hard his ministry was going to be, but Jeremiah did not anticipate HOW HARD it was really going to be.
- This passage gives us five keys to enduring perpetual pain:

**1. REFUSE Self Pity, v.10-12**

- A. Lamenting his birth: What good am I for?
- B. Justifying his behavior: What evil have I done?

- God's counsel to Jeremiah v.11: They will need you and ask for your help when the going gets very difficult. (Jer. 37:3; 17; 42:2,3).

**2. REMEMBER Your Motive for Service, v.15**

Jeremiah 15:15b: ...for thy sake I have suffered rebuke.

**3. REJOICE in God's Word, v.16**

- A. God's Word must be personally digested!
- B. God's Word gives double satisfaction: Joy and Rejoicing! This expression is used for times of:

- 1.) Deliverance; Esther 8:16,17, Psalm 105:43
- 2.) Repentance; Psalm 51:8
- 3.) Eternal Joy in God's Kingdom; Is.35:10; 55:11; Jer.33:11

**4. REPENT when you Cross the Line, v.18-19**

**Jeremiah 15:18;** Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, *which* refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, *and as waters that* fail?

- A. In his pain, Jeremiah accuses God:

- 1.) You are a liar!
- 2.) You are not living up to Your promises!

B. God's response: Return to me if you want to continue as my prophet, v.19

### **5. REST in God's Sure Promises, v.19-21**

- God reaffirms His promises to Jeremiah that He made in Jeremiah 1:8-19.