

Seeking God Wholeheartedly

Jeremiah 29:1-14

Jeremiah the Christ-Like Prophet, part 11

- Psalm 137:4 says, “How shall we sing the LORD’s song in a strange land?” When life’s circumstances are very sour, how can you still sing God’s praise?
- How do we overcome when we are overwhelmed? Jeremiah gives four action steps when God gives you lemons in life! Today we will focus on the fourth point:
 1. Choose Humble Submission, v.1-7
 2. Refuse False Expectations, v.8-10:
 3. Believe in a Great Conclusion, v.11, (a hopeful outcome!)
 - A. God has PERSONAL thoughts about you.
 - B. God has PRESENT thoughts about you:
 - C. God has PEACEFUL thoughts about you.
 - D. God has PURPOSEFUL thoughts, to bring about an expected end.

4. SEEK God Whole-heartedly, v.12-14

A. **WHO** do you Seek Whole-heartedly? v.12

Jeremiah 29:12; Then shall ye call upon me and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

- Many seek for God ignorantly! John 4:22; Acts 17:16-34.

B. **HOW** Do We Seek God Whole-heartedly?

Jer.29:13; And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all of your heart.

1. With our whole Attention:

Psalm 27:8; *When thou saidst*, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

2. With our whole Being:

Psalm 24:6; This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

C. **WHY** Seek God whole heartedly? Because...

1. God’s great promises in Jer.29:12-14.

Psalm 22:26; They shall praise the LORD that seek Him.

2. Any worthy pursuit requires whole-heartedness.
3. The dangers around us are so great.
4. The wholeheartedness of our enemies.
5. The wholeheartedness of our God to seek us.

D. **WHAT** Hinders us From Seeking God:

1. Presumption: We Presume on His Mercy

2. Pride: We Proudly Hold to our Own Way:

3. Pleasure of this world:

Psalm 4:2; O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into shame? *how long* will ye love vanity, *and seek after leasing?* Selah.