

Reflection Questions

Doctrine (What does this passage teach us):

How does this passage reveal God's justice when He pours out His wrath?

Reproof (What wrong thinking does this passage expose):

How does this passage shape our thinking about God's wrath?

Correction (How does this passage fix wrong thinking):

We often ask "what is God's will", but how does this passage correct that thinking?

Instruction in Righteousness (How does this passage help us to continue):

What example do we have of a heart that desires to know God?

Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Making Disciples for the Glory of God

Order of Service

Call to Worship ~ Jonah 3:1-10

Song #221 ~ His Mercy is More

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Job 15:1-35

Song #281 ~ O, Great God

Scripture Reading: Job 16:1-22

Prayer

Sermon ~ Jeremiah 25:1-38

Prayer

Lord's Supper

Song #230 ~ Before the Throne of God Above

Jeremiah 24:7

"I will give them a heart to know Me, for I am the Lord; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart."

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Text: Jeremiah 25:1-38

Theme: The Lord of Hosts has spoken, listen carefully.

- I) God's Word was faithfully preached, yet the people would not listen (1-38).
 - A. For 23 years Jeremiah preached God's word (1-3).
 1. Jeremiah did not exclude anyone. 3 times this passage says "all the people/inhabitants" (1-2).
 2. The message was not just given once, but over and over (3).
 - B. Jeremiah was not the only prophet to preach to Judah, God had sent many (4-5).
 1. In fact, Uriah, Huldah, Zephaniah, and Habakkuk were all prophets in Judah during Jeremiah's lifetime.
 2. God has always raised up people to proclaim His words. Even today, there are faithful preachers of God's word scattered all over this city.
 - C. The people disregarded God's word by not giving the land rest (6-14)
 1. The land belonged to God (Lev. 25:23) and He required that the land have a sabbath rest every 7 years (Lev. 25:3-4). If they failed to give the land a sabbath rest, then God would expel them from the land so that the land would get the rest (Lev. 26:34).
 2. Although Jeremiah does not explicitly point out the sabbath rest for the land, 2 Chronicles 36:20-23 does. Daniel also observed Jeremiah's words and determined when the 70 years would be finished (Daniel 9:2).

3. God would send His servant, Nebuchadnezzar, to pour out His wrath upon Judah (9-11). It should not strike us as odd that Nebuchadnezzar is God's servant. Cyrus, King of Persia, was called "My shepherd" and "His anointed" by Isaiah (Is. 44:28; 45:1). These wicked rulers would act on God's behalf to pour out His wrath.
- D. The nations are warned but continue on in rebellion against God (15-38; cf. Rom. 3:19).
 1. Jeremiah is told to bring a cup of wine and command the kings to drink from it (15-29). Some have argued that Jeremiah did not literally do this, but God tells Jeremiah what to do if the king refuses to drink (28). Also, chapters 46-51 are the messages he delivered to the nations in in this chapter (about half of the nations listed are in chapters 46-51).
 2. Notice how the Ninevites responded to the message that Jonah gave (Jonah 3:3-9). The Ninevites heard the message and turned from their sin.
 3. The destruction will be so great that the dead will not be buried or even lamented (33).
 4. God is described as a lion (30, 38). He will utterly destroy all those who have disregarded His words.

Conclusion: What response is God looking for? In Jeremiah 24:7, God will give the exiles a new heart to know Him. This new heart is a heart that desires to hear what God has to say about a matter. Daniel, one of the exiles reveals what this heart looks like. Daniel had received a vision from God (Daniel 10:1), but God did not reveal to Him the interpretation for 21 days. During this time, Daniel refused to eat tasty food or drink wine until God revealed to him the interpretation (10:2-3). God had given Daniel a heart to hear His words.