

Series: You Asked For It! (11/28/21)

Title: The Days of Jeremiah and Today.

Compare and Contrast Today with the Days of Jeremiah:

- "How do we Overcome?"

I. Compared: Very Similar

Time of Political Wrangling.

Time of Religious Apostasy.

Time of Selfishness and Self Interest.

Time of Moral Decay.

HOW DO WE OVERCOME IN THESE DAYS?

FAITHFULNESS!!! The Only thing we have a choice about.

I. Jeremiah was Strong IN Faith: (Ch 1)

A. He Knew God Personally: (Vs 1-2)

(Phil 3:10) (1 Jn 2:3-4) (1 Jn 5:20)

B. He Knew God's Voice when He Called: (Vs 4-5)

C. He Knew God's Word Intimately: (Vs 7-10)

(Deut 6:6) (Josh 1:8) (Ps 119:9,11)

II. Jeremiah was Strong Through Faith:

A. Faithfulness to God's Word - Know & Claim the Promises

Sin: King Josiah's Reforms failed: the people's repentance was shallow.

Judah's deterioration came from their disregard to God's Word.

Repentance: (2 Cor.7:10 Matt. 3:8) (Prov 26:11) (2 Pet 2:22)

Punishment: B/c of sin, Jerusalem was destroyed, the Temple ruined, and people enslaved. (ch 37-40)

Unconfessed sin brings God's full judgement. (Rom 14:11-12)

Jeremiah predicted God would send the Messiah: (Jer 31:31-32)

God will restore us if we repent! (1 Jn 1:9) (Ezek 36:26)

B. Faithfulness to God's Work - A Witness of Warning

Jeremiah was Faithful in the Face of Opposition: (Vs 8,17-19)

Jeremiah served God faithfully for 40 years: (Ch 1:3)

His message was not his own: (Ro 10:21).

1. **A Message of DENUNCIATION:** (Ch 2:1-3)

2. **A Message of VISITATION:** (Ch 1:11-16)

3. **A Message of divine INVITATION:** (Ch 3:12-15)

4. **A Messages of HOPE:** (ch. 30-33).

III. Jeremiah was Strong BY Faith: Faithfulness to God's Will -

A. Jeremiah Wrestled with God, (15:1-21)

B. Jeremiah Sacrificed for His Faith: (Ch 16:1-4)

C. Jeremiah was Persecuted for His Faith:

1. Jeremiah's Imprisonment: (Ch 20:2)

2. Jeremiah Indicted for Treason: (26:1-24)

3. Jeremiah Beaten & Imprisoned: (37:15-16)

Remember your calling: (Rom 11:29)

Remember God is Lord of All: (Heb 1:10-11)

Our Future Hope & Present Hope are secure: (2 Tim 1:12)

We live in times like Jeremiah in that

God's Worshipped is being forsaken.

God's Word is regarded as Evil, and not as Truth.

God's Will is not obeyed but maligned.

God's Work is being hindered by the society around us.

God's Workers are being regarded as Treasonous.

Our Example is Jeremiah, who's Faithfulness is still teaching us today.

Are you God's child?

Are you Serving Him Faithfully?

Are you trusting in His grace to Empower you?

Are you Trusting Him for the Results?