

# The Call of Jeremiah

**TEXT: Jer. 1:4-10**

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. JEREMIAH - 627-586 BC - JOSIAH TO CAPTIVITY. A MAJOR PROPHET.
  - 1. Josiah's reform shallow and short-lived, People still idolatrous.
  - 2. Two enemies to truth - idolatry and hypocrisy.
- B. OUR SITUATION NOT MUCH DIFFERENT.
  - 1. Mysticism and Modernism the religions of the day.
  - 2. Shallow reform - swing back to religion not far enough.
- C. OUR CALL IS NOT MUCH DIFFERENT. LET'S STUDY JEREMIAH'S CALL.

## I. HIS PLACE KNOWN FROM THE BEGINNING. (vs. 4-5).

- A. JESUS KNOWN FROM BEFORE THE WORLD (1 Pet. 1:18-20).
- B. PREACHING CENTRAL TO GOD'S PLAN (Eph. 3:8-11).

## II. THE HUMILITY OF JEREMIAH (vs. 6).

- A. JEREMIAH DID NOT CONSIDER HIMSELF WORTHY.
  - 1. The ones to receive the message were more experienced - Rulers.
  - 2. A message of doom - Unheeded message - despised.
- B. GOD'S POWER IS IN THE MESSAGE, NOT THE MAN (Rom 1:16).
- C. MANY LISTENERS WILL THINK US FOOLISH (1 Cor. 1:23; Acts 26:24).
- D. OUR MESSAGE WILL OFTEN GO UNHEEDED (Matt. 7:13-14).

## III. JEREMIAH TOLD NOT TO SAY HE WAS A CHILD (vs. 7-8).

- A. HIS LACK OF SELF-CONFIDENCE A REFLECTION ON GOD.
- B. GOD PROMISED TO DELIVER JEREMIAH.
- C. GOD PROMISES TO BE WITH US TODAY (Matt. 28:19-20).
- D. IF GOD IS FOR US ... (Rom. 8:31; Phil. 4:13).

## IV. HE WAS TOLD TO GO WHERE GOD SENT (vs. 7).

- A. WE MUST GO WHERE GOD SENDS US ( Matt. 9:36-38; 2 Tim 2:2 ).
- B. THERE IS A COST (2 Cor. 4:6-10; 2 Cor. 12:15).

## V. HE SPOKE WHAT WAS COMMANDED (vs. 7-9).

- A. WE ARE LIMITED TO THE WORD ( 1 Pet. 4:11; 2 John 9 ).
- B. THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES OF TEACHING MORE( Gal. 1:6-9 ).
- C. THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES OF TEACHING LESS ( Acts 20:27 ).

## VI. HIS MESSAGE WAS A DUAL MESSAGE (vs. 10).

- A. A MESSAGE OF JUDGMENT.
  - 1. Ours is of the terrors of judgment (Acts 17:30-31; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).
  - 2. We need to be aware of the sureness of judgment (Heb. 9:27).
- B. A MESSAGE THAT BUILDS AND PLANTS (James 1:21; Rom. 10:13-15).
- C. PREACHING THE GOSPEL RESULTS IN JOY AND SALVATION (1 Cor. 1:21-24).

**GOSPEL = GOOD NEWS!**

## CONCLUSION:

- A. WHAT DOES THE GOSPEL DEMAND OF ME?
- B. AM I SHARING IT?