



# JEREMIAH'S **BOILING POT**

PREACHING WITH JUDGEMENT PENDING

JEREMIAH 1:13-17



# Keep First Things First

**"Go and proclaim in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, I remember concerning you the devotion of your youth, The love of your betrothals...' (2:2)**

- **“your love as a bride...” (ESV)**
- You loved Me enough to follow Me through tough times
- You loved Me enough to trust in Me
- You were special to Me (3)
- I protected and preserved you

# Keep First Things First

**"Jesus said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' This is the first and great commandment."**

**(Matthew 22:37-38)**

# Draw Near to God

**“Thus says the LORD, “What injustice did your fathers find in Me?” (2:5)**

- None
- God didn’t forsake them or go out from them...
- **“They went out far from me”**
- **“They walked in emptiness”**
- **“For My people have committed two evils...” (2:13)**
  - They have forsaken Me
  - They made their own gods

# Draw Near to God

## **They went out far from me (2:5)**

- The people did not seek the Lord (2:6)
- The Priests did not say “where is the Lord?” (2:8)
- Those who “handle the law” did not know me
- Rulers/Shepherds/Leaders transgressed against Me
- The Prophets prophesied by Baal
  - walked after things that did not profit
  - because they were empty...

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## They walked in emptiness (2:5)

- They did something never done before (2:10-11)
  - Kittim – *Cyprus* (to the West) / Kedar - *N. Arabia* (to the East)
- Heathen nations have never exchanged their false gods
- My people have changed “their Glory”, the one true God, for “one that does not profit.”
- They traded the fountain of living waters for broken containers
  - That are empty, “that can hold no water” (2:13)

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## They became empty (2:5)

- We take on the character of what we love, value, elevate and worship
  - **“Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.”** ( 1 Cor. 11:1)
- They became empty like the gods they made for themselves
- Empty – void of the peace and comfort only God provides

# **Draw Near to God**

**“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.” (James 4:8)**

# Hold Fast!

**"Have you not done this to yourself By your forsaking the LORD your God When He led you in the way? (2:17)**

- Taking the wrong road (18)
- Drinking the wrong water (18)

**“Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.”  
(1 Tim. 1:13)**

# Fear God

**"Your own wickedness will correct you, And your apostasies will reprove you; Know therefore and see that it is evil and bitter For you to forsake the LORD your God, And the dread of Me is not in you," declares the Lord GOD of hosts.**" (2:19)

**"Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire."** (Heb. 12:28-29)

# Despite Josiah's reforms?

“Then the king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. The king went up to the house of the Lord and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great; and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the Lord. The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to carry out the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people entered into the covenant...” (2 Kings 23:1-5)

## **Despite Josiah's reforms?**

“Then the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second order and the doorkeepers, to bring out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels that were made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel. He did away with the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had appointed to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah and in the surrounding area of Jerusalem, also those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and to the moon and to the constellations and to all the host of heaven.” (2 Kings 23:1-5)

# **Despite Josiah's reforms?**

**Leaders can fix externals,  
only the worshiper can fix the heart.**

# Be Built Up!

**“See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms,  
To pluck up and to break down,  
To destroy and to overthrow,  
To build and to plant.” (Jer. 1:10)**

- Judgment is a terror to the wicked
- God will preserve the righteous
- Jer. 31:28-34

