

## Bible Class Notes – Studies on The Word of God – Lesson 148

### The Word Under Attack – Jeremiah the Prophet

**This week** – We learn that naturally; our hearts are so sinful that our own thoughts deceive us.

**The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? Jeremiah 17v9**

#### Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Jeremiah 36v1-19 (Jeremiah warns of Judgement)	
Monday	Jeremiah 36v20-32 (The King burns Jeremiah's roll)	
Tuesday	Jeremiah 38v1-13 (Jeremiah put in dungeon to die)	
Wednesday	Jeremiah 38v14-28 (Rescued but kept in prison)	
Thursday	Jeremiah 31v1-3,31-36 (The Covenant of Grace)	
Friday	Jeremiah 33v1-16 (The Saviour promised)	
Saturday	Jeremiah 17v7-14 (Beware of our deceitful heart)	

**Important Lesson for us Today:** The sun, the centre of our solar system is a massive, inextinguishable light. The source of all our light, used by God to sustain life on earth. Imagine trying to turn the sun's light off! Trying to bring darkness at mid-day! **Impossible.** Throughout history people have tried, by various means, to black out and hide God's Word from the people. But such plans are doomed to failure. The Bible and its' truth have been despised, ridiculed, and forbidden (even burnt), by those who hate God. Those who have believed it, translated it, and preached it, have been stoned, imprisoned, (some in cruel Labour Camps), and treated most cruelly. However, the light of God's Word (His truth), has, like the sun, continued to shine brightly. Our lesson today describes the futile efforts made to smother the light of God's Word by King Zedekiah in the days of Jeremiah.

**God's Word is established for ever. Isaiah 40v8. It will always shine the truth to us.**

#### Hymn 547 - A prayer seeking the Lord's guidance through the experiences of life.

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| 1. Teach me Thy way, O Lord,<br>Teach me Thy way!<br>Thy gracious aid afford,<br>Teach me Thy way!<br>Help me to walk aright,<br>More by faith, less by sight;<br>Lead me with Heavenly light:<br>Teach me Thy way! | 2. When doubts and fears arise,<br>Teach me Thy way!<br>When storms o'erspread the skies,<br>Teach me Thy way!<br>Shine through the cloud and rain,<br>Through sorrow, toil, and pain;<br>Make Thou my pathway plain,<br>Teach me Thy way! | 3. Long as my life shall last,<br>Teach me Thy way!<br>Where'er my lot be cast.<br>Teach me Thy way!<br>Until the race is run,<br>Until the journey's done,<br>Until the crown is won,<br>Teach me Thy way! |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

*This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible*

### The Word Under Attack – Jeremiah God's Prophet Attacked.

- **100 years after Isaiah, Jeremiah warns Judah of God's Judgement.**
  - **God's Love Refused.** For over 1,000 years, from the calling of Abraham, God had lovingly led the people. But the majority desired to worship pagan idols.
  - **God's Warning Ignored.** Jeremiah was sent with God's message calling them to repentance. He warned that Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon would be allowed to take them captive, and spoil the Temple. They refused to believe this. Jeremiah said they were like people who preferred polluted water. **Jer 2v13** Jeremiah reasoned – 'Why have you rejected the Lord for pagan idols?'
  - **God's Servant Jeremiah was Tortured. The people were angry with him.** Jeremiah was struck in the face, placed in stocks and ridiculed; the priests and other prophets campaigned for his death, and he was put into prison.
- **God's Word and His Messengers have been Opposed Since Christ's Time.**
  - **By Violent Force – Many became Martyrs, losing their lives.**
    - **William Tyndale** (1494-1536). Executed for translating the Bible into English.
    - **Today** – Christians in Nigeria, North Korea, China, etc. are in prison or killed. It is estimated that 100,000 Christians have been martyred in recent years.
  - **By Scorn and Derision – Even in Our Country Today.**
    - **The Media and Schools** ridicule and discredit the Bible as being outdated, and irrelevant. The 'Theory of Evolution' is promoted as fact. **"No God"**.
  - **By Deceit – False Religions are Promoted – They say, 'All ways lead to God.'**
    - **Ecumenicalism** - Many Religions join together, yet they all reject the Bible.

*Beware, many so called 'Christian Churches', do not preach the true, Biblical, Gospel.*

- **Jeremiah, freed from dungeon by Ebedmelech - His Word's Come True.**
  - **He warns King Zedekiah again** – Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian army overruns Jerusalem, Zedekiah is blinded, and many others taken to Babylon as captives.

*Beware, all kinds of evil and suffering has overcome the world – It is God's warning to us.*

- **Jeremiah's Message Of Hope – A Branch of Righteousness To Come.**
  - **A Saviour, The Lord Jesus Christ.** Whose Kingdom will last for ever. **Jer 33v15**
  - **A New and Better Covenant (Agreement)** Written in the hearts of individual believers who would repent, believe, and know the Lord as Saviour. **Jer 31v31-24**
  - **A Message to Faithful Ebedmelech** – God will keep you safe. **Jer 39v18**

*Will you come to the Saviour today, and stand faithfully for Him and His truth? Even though the vast majority around us will ridicule us as they reject God and His Word.*

*Jeremiah said, 'Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, (God's ways), and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.'*

*Jeremiah 6v16*