

a study in jeremiah

#20 Continued... Never Ending Love

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Sermon Notes

The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. Jeremiah 31:1-3

God's <u>NEVER ENDING</u> Love is <u>UNFAILING & FAITHFUL</u>

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

John 1:13 NLT

V. Jeremiah 31:23-26

²³ This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "When I bring them back from captivity, the people in the land of Judah and in its towns will once again use these words: 'The Lord bless you, you prosperous city, you sacred mountain.'²⁴ People will live together in Judah and all its towns—farmers and those who move about with their flocks. ²⁵ I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint." ²⁶ At this I awoke and looked around. My sleep had been pleasant to me.

Never Ending Love Means NEVER BEING ASHAMED

FOR DESIRING GOD'S BLESSINGS

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalms 27:13

VI. Jeremiah 31:27-30

²⁷ "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will plant the kingdoms of Israel and Judah with the offspring of people and of animals. ²⁸ Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant," declares the LORD. ²⁹ "In those days people will no longer say, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' ³⁰ Instead, everyone will die for their own sin; whoever eats sour grapes—their own teeth

will be set on edge.

Never Ending Love Means <u>NEVER BEING DEFINED BY</u> YOUR PAST BUT FOR WHO YOU ARE NOW

⁵ For we are each responsible for our own conduct..⁷ Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. ⁸ Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

Galatians 6:5;7-9

VII. <u>Jeremiah 31:31-34</u>

³¹ "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. ³³ "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Never Ending Love Means <u>NEVER SETTLING FOR A</u> SUPERFICIAL RELATIONSHIP

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.' ⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions." Mark 7:6-8

VIII. Jeremiah 31:35-40

³⁵ This is what the Lord says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the Lord Almighty is his name: ³⁶ "Only if these decrees vanish from my sight," declares the Lord, "will Israel ever cease being a nation before me." ³⁷ This is what the Lord says:"Only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done," declares the Lord. ³⁸ "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when this city

will be rebuilt for me from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. ³⁹ The measuring line will stretch from there straight to the hill of Gareb and then turn to Goah. ⁴⁰ The whole valley where dead bodies and ashes are thrown, and all the terraces out to the Kidron Valley on the east as far as the corner of the Horse Gate, will be holy to the Lord. The city will never again be uprooted or demolished."

Never Ending Love Means <u>NEVER BEING BEYOND GOD'S</u> RELENTLESS PURSUIT

I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! ⁸ If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. ⁹ If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. ¹¹ I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night— ¹²but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. Psalms 139:7-12