

a study in jeremiah

## #5 The Rest of the Reformation

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# The Kingdom Life <u>BREAKS DOWN EVERYTHING WE USE TO PROTECT AND PROP UP OUR SELF-IMAGE</u> building our Confidence in Christ

#### I. Jeremiah 7:1-3

<sup>3</sup> This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place.

### Without REFORMATION God offers no REST

As it is said: Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion. <sup>16</sup> For who heard and rebelled? Wasn't it really all who came out of Egypt under Moses? <sup>17</sup> And who was He provoked with for 40 years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup> And who did He swear to that they would not enter His rest, if not those who disobeyed? <sup>19</sup> So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief. Hebrews 3:7-19

#### II. Jeremiah 7:4-15

## Without TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS, God's presence will not

## **REST IN THE TEMPLE**

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:18–20

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Do not trust in deceptive words and say, "This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD!"...<sup>15</sup> I will thrust you from my presence, just as I did all your fellow Israelites, the people of Ephraim.'

#### III. Jeremiah 7:16-29

<sup>21</sup> "This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Go ahead, add your burnt offerings to your other sacrifices and eat the meat yourselves! <sup>22</sup> For when I brought your ancestors out of Egypt and spoke to them, I did not just give them commands about burnt offerings and sacrifices, <sup>23</sup> but I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you.

## Without TRUE OBEDIENCE, there is no REAL RELATIONSHIP

#### WITH GOD

Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them."

John 14:21 NLT

#### VI. Jeremiah 7:30-8:3

<sup>30</sup> "'The people of Judah have done evil in my eyes, declares the LORD. They have set up their detestable idols in the house that bears my Name and have defiled it. <sup>31</sup> They have built the high places of Topheth in the Valley of Ben Hinnom to burn their sons and daughters in the fire—something I did not command, nor did it enter my mind.

## Without TRUE WORSHIP, all other SACRIFICES ARE

## **DESTRUCTIVE**

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup>If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, <sup>13</sup>their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. <sup>14</sup>If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup>If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames. 1 Corinthians 3:11-15