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Lifting Up The **STANDARD**

"When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him" (Isaiah 59:19).



Challenging And Encouraging God's Remnant To Remain Faithful

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Jeremiah's Ordination Service

God's Specialist

Occasionally when something goes wrong we need to call in a specialist. For example if my computer quits working I need a technician who knows what to do.

Jeremiah was God's man who knew what needed to be done. The people of God had recently been through a *reform*; however, their reform was far from the *revival* they needed. A reform is man-made. A revival is God-made. For Israel it was revival for survival; however God's people refused to listen to Jeremiah.



Jeremiah's Testimony,
"Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5).

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"I ordained thee a prophet"

(Jeremiah 1:5)

Jeremiah lived in an age when...

Jeremiah 6:13,

"From the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely."

Jeremiah 23:11,

"For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD."

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God's Instruction Were Plain

Jeremiah 1:6-8,

- **Verse 7**, "Thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak."
- **Verse 8**, "Be not afraid of their faces."
- **Verse 8**, "I am with thee to deliver thee."
- **Verse 9**, "Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth."
- **Verse 10**, "I have this day set thee..."
 - **Verse 10**, "...to root out."
 - **Verse 10**, "...to pull down."
 - **Verse 10**, "...to destroy."
 - **Verse 10**, "...to throw down."
 - **Verse 10**, "...to build."
 - **Verse 10**, "...to plant."

The Lord said,

- "I formed thee" v.5.
- "I knew thee" v.5.
- "I sanctified thee" v.5.
- "I ordained thee" v.5.
- "I send thee" v.7.
- "I command thee" v.7.
- "I am with thee" v.8.



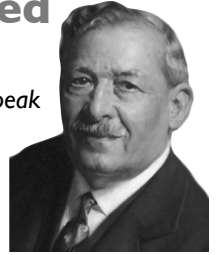
The People Thought Jeremiah Was Crazy

Under the reformation...

1. The Temple has been repaired and stood there in all its majesty.
2. Multitudes of people were praising God.
3. They were rejoicing together.
4. They were observing the feasts again.
5. They had given their money for the repairs.
6. They had given their labors for the repairs.
7. People were crowding through the courts of the temple.
8. The order of service was second to none.
9. The priests and the singers were in their places.
10. Everything was according to pattern.

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When Preachers Preached



My business is not to speak smooth things, but to say some things that you may resist, fight, get angry with; and you may get angry with me for saying them, but they are here, and it is my business to say, "Thus saith the Lord...I am afraid that in our zeal to get people into the kingdom or the Church we have lowered the standard...In order to capture, we have compromised and lost."

Gipsy Smith



"We might sooner pardon the assassin who stretches forth his hand under the guise of friendship, and then stabs us to the heart, than we could forgive the man who comes towards us with smooth words, telling us that he is God's ambassador... Jeremiah tells us it was an evil covetousness. They preached smooth things because the people would have it so."

C. H. Spurgeon

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(Blast of The Trumpet Against False Peace - February 26th, 1860).



"Dare we, the heirs of such a legacy of power, tamper with the truth? Dare we with our stubby pencils erase the lines of the blueprint or alter the pattern shown us in the Mount? May God forbid. Let us preach the old cross and we will know the old power."

A.W. Tozer

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(Man, the Dwelling Place of God, 1966)

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Jeremiah's Message From God

Jeremiah 4:22,

"For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge."

Jeremiah 8:9,

"The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?"

It was to this people that God sent Jeremiah to...

Jeremiah 1:10,

"Root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant."

The Response of The People

Jeremiah 11:21,

"Prophesy not in the name of the LORD, that thou die not by our hand."

Jeremiah 38:6,

"Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that was in the court of the prison: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire: so Jeremiah sunk in the mire."

Jeremiah 23:11,

"For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD."

How Did The People Get So Far From God?

Once they decided to reject the truth they no longer received any wisdom, instruction, or understanding from God.

Proverbs 23:23,

"Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding."

Jeremiah 7:28,

"Truth is perished, and is cut off..."

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Jeremiah 36:21,22

"Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him. And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth."

Truth Cannot Be Destroyed



Harry Ironside "The king thus put himself on record as the first mutilator of the Word of God recorded in Scripture.

Alas, how many have followed in his steps since that day, when, all unknown to himself and his foolhardy friends, he sealed his doom by his willful rejection of the inspired message.

The "scribe's knife" has often been used since to mutilate and destroy the Word of truth - aye, to the final sorrow of every one that does it!

Heaven and earth may pass away; the Word of God, never!

Truth cannot be destroyed; it is unalterable, and the will of impious "scholarship" can never set it aside."

Harry Ironside

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Jeremiah 9:3,

“They are not valiant for the truth...”

In a recent “Standard” we saw how Solomon lost these things when he sold the truth for other things he wanted.

First Kings 11:14,

“For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God.”

First Kings 11:4,

“And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD.”

Solomon said,

Ecclesiastes 2:15,

“As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me.”

Ecclesiastes 2:15,

“And how dieth the wise man? as the fool.”

Let’s Just Be Positive

Today the watchword is “let’s be positive.” If your child steals candy from a local store it won’t help the situation to just sing “Jesus Loves Me” to him.

When the leaders in our movement change the plan of salvation we do not help the situation by preaching a little message on the love of God. We need some men like Jeremiah who will obey the Lord when He says, “*Whatever I command thee thou shalt speak*” (Jeremiah 1:7).

“We are not diplomats but prophets, and our message is not a compromise but an ultimatum.”

A.W.Tozer



“Thus Saith the Lord...Ask For the Old Paths”



Jeremiah 16:6

“Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the 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. But they said, We will not walk therein.”



Is Church Membership Optional?

Fighting Discouragement

The Two Most Important Issues of The Day

Guilt Or Conviction?

The Prodigal Prophet