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Say no to false idolatry

Jeremiah 7 is to reflect on our actions and how we live out our faith daily. May God have mercy on my weakness, and ask the Holy Spirit to remind us in my ears that we are willing to listen to God's Word and be God's people. For God says, "Blessed shall you walk in all the ways which I have commanded you."

Jeremiah 7 warns people not to trust false religion and false beliefs. In verses 1–7, God sent Jeremiah to the temple gate to warn the people not to rely on false religion and false worship, but to repent and turn to God. They must obey God's ways and not follow evil ways. Sometimes we do what God has entrusted no one to understand, but we still have to do it with zeal, like Jeremiah. Even though I know that in the battle against the Antichrist, we will encounter spiritual backlash and human opposition, but let us not be afraid. Because like Jeremiah, we have no choice but to continue to follow God and thank God! God made Jeremiah a pillar of iron and a bronze wall, and He will give us this anointing today.

7:16 But as for you, do not pray for this people, do not cry out for them, and do not plead with me for them, for I will not listen to you. When God told Jeremiah not to pray for the people of Judah three more times, it was clear that God had decided to abandon them. For all the house of Judah offered drink offerings to other gods in unity. God said their hearts were too bad to be recovered, but the prophet was still there praying for them. No matter what difficulties we encounter in prayer, we should not stop.

In verses 16–20, Jeremiah goes on to reveal the hypocritical worship and wicked behavior of the people. They are godly in words, but they rebel against God in deeds. God has seen through their

hypocrisy and hypocrisy, and they must truly repent in heart and in action in order to receive God's mercy and love.

Although the Jews had turned away from God, they attached great importance to religious rituals. When people shift their faith from God to the temple, the temple becomes an idol and religion becomes superstition. Therefore, God made the prophet especially 'stand at the door of the house of the Lord' (v.2) to awaken the people who were busy offering sacrifices.

'Temple theology' sounds both biblical and rigorously reasoning, but it is in fact a plausible 'lie' (v.4). For God, while announcing the acceptance of Solomon's dedication, also clearly warned, "If you and your descendants turn away from me, and do not keep the commandments and statutes which I have shown you, and serve and worship other gods, I will cut off Israel from the land I have given them." False prophets use the temple as a refuge, but not God Himself; Treating the temple as God's dwelling place forgets that "contrite and humble in heart" is the true "resting place" of God. They put faith on the building and substitute the outer ritual for the fear and obedience inside, so that they 'did not listen' to God's repeated warnings (v.13). The New Testament Jesus purifies the Holy Temple, "You shall not turn the house of my father into a thief." The hearts of the people are detached from God, and the Holy Temple is nothing more than a talisman. Such a faith, of course, does not bring about true worship or the renewal of real life. Today, the worldwide church is also full of many such false teachers, who do not deny God's Word, but quote and man's definition of "grace" to dilute God's holiness, and use man's definition of "love" to erase God's justice; The result is a misleading believer to 'rely on a deceitful word' (v.4) and to live in a false sense of 'grace, peace and spirituality'.

To build a church is to pursue together, to shepherd, to preach, to evangelize. Faith, hope, love, prayer, praise, the pursuit of God's Spirit, God's Word, and life.

In verses 21–28, God again warned the people through Jeremiah's mouth not to believe in false worship and lies. They must truly repent and correct their behavior in order to receive God's mercy and salvation.

Jeremiah 7 emphasizes God's desire for true repentance and coming unto Him by warning people not to trust false religion and false beliefs. This chapter emphasizes sincerity and correctness in deeds and hearts, rather than hypocrisy and worship in words. This chapter expresses God's mercy and justice by revealing the wickedness and sins of the people while calling them to true repentance.

Let's pray together:

Dear Lord, please give us righteousness and compassion, and help us to worship God in truth in our hearts. Pray that the Lord will help us to build the altar of life so that the Spirit and peace of God will remain among us. I should also reflect on my own actions and how I live my faith every day. May God have mercy on my weaknesses and remind us that we are willing to listen to God's Word and be God's people. For God says, "Do all the ways I have commanded you, and you will be blessed." We must be clean in heart and clean in hand; When we believe in God, we have to give ourselves to God and truly worship God. Enlighten me always, so that I do not rely on false religious practices, but by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that my daily conduct may be worthy of the gospel of Christ!

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I pray, amen.

7 of Jeremiah

7:1 The words of Yahweh came to Jeremiah, saying,

7:2 Stand at the gate of the house of Yahwah, and preach this word there, saying, Come in these gates, and worship all the Jews of Yahwah, hear the word of Yahweh.

7:3 Thus saith the God of Israel, Yahweh of hosts, "Change your deeds, and I will make you dwell in this land."

7:4 Do not trust in false words, saying, These are the houses of Yahwah, the houses of Yahwah, the houses of Yahwah.

7:5 If you are genuinely corrective in your actions, and honest in your actions and between people and your neighbours.

7:6 He does not oppress the sojourners, nor orphans and widows, nor shed the blood of innocent men in this land, nor entrap himself from other gods.

7:7 And I will make you dwell in this land, the land which I gave to your fathers in old, until forever.

7:8 Behold, you trust in deceitful and useless things. 7:9 You steal, you kill, you commit adultery, you swear falsely, you burn incense to Baal, and you follow other gods that you don't know.

7:10 And he came to this temple, which is called my name, and worshipped before me, and said, We are free. Are you doing such abominable things?

7:11 Shall this temple, which is called by my name, be seen in your eyes as a den of thieves? i saw it all . this is what ye and hua said .

7:12 Go to Shiloh where I first set up my name to dwell, and see what I have done to the land because of the sins of Israel.

7:13 And he said, Now because you have done all these things, I have warned you from the morning, but you have not hearkened, and you have called you, but you have not answered.

7:14 Therefore I will call me to this the house in which you trust, and to the land in which I have given thee and to thy fathers, as I have done before Shilo.

7:15 And I will rush you out before my eyes, just as I will cast forth your brethren, all the descendants of Ephraim.

7:16 Therefore do not pray for these people, do not cry out for them, and do not pray to me for them. for I will not listen to you. 7:17 You don't see what they are walking in the great cities of Judea and in the streets of Jerusalem.

7:18 The children gathered wood, and the fathers made fires, and the women made bread and offered it to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings to other gods, and provoked me to anger.

7:19 And ye said , "Are they angry with me? Didn't you cause trouble yourself, so that you would be ashamed of your face .

7:20 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will pour out my anger and wrath upon the people and the cattle of the land, and on the trees of the field, and on the fruit of the field. It will be like a fire that cannot be quenched.

7:21 Thus saith the God of Almighty and Israel, "Put burnt offerings on the sacrifice of peace and cut off the flesh."

7:22 For on the day I brought your fathers out of Egypt, I did not mention the burnt offering and the peace offering, nor commanded them. 7:23 This is what I command them, saying, Listen to my voice, and I will be your God, and you will be my people. Walk all the ways I have commanded you, and you will be blessed.

7:24 But they do not listen, they do not listen, they do not follow their own schemes, and they do not look forward to their stubborn evil hearts.

7:25 From the day your fathers left Egypt until this day I have sent my servants and prophets to you, getting up every morning and sending them.

7:26 But you don't listen, you don't listen, you don't listen, you insist on doing evil, you are even more than your fathers.

7:27 You tell them all about it, but they don't listen, you call on them, and they don't answer.

7:28 Say to them, "This is a nation that has not hearkened to the voice of the God of the Jews and has not been instructed; from their mouths it was sincerely extinguished .

7:29 Cut your hair, O Jerusalem, and forsake it, and mourn on the heights of the pure light. for Yahweh had forsaken the generation that had provoked his wrath.

7:30 And Jehovah said, The men of Judah have done evil things which are in my sight, and have set up abominations in the temple that is called my name, and have defiled this house.

7:31 And they built the high hill of Topheth in the valley of the son of Hinnom, that they might burn their sons in the fire. This is not what I command, nor is it what I want.

7:32 And he said, Because the day is coming, this place will no longer be called the valley of Tophith and Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter. For there was nowhere to bury the body in Tophit.

7:33 And the carcasses of this people shall be given food to the birds of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth, and no one shall drive them.

7:34 Then I will put an end to the voices of joy and rejoicing in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, and the voices of the bridegroom and the bride. for the earth shall be a desolation.

The central idea of Jeremiah 7 is to warn people not to trust false religion and false beliefs. Here's an overview of chapter 7: In verses 1-7, God sent Jeremiah to the temple gate to warn the people not to rely on false religion and false worship, but to repent and turn to God. They must obey God's ways and not follow evil ways.

In verses 8–15, Jeremiah says that the false worship of the people will only bring destruction and judgment. God will not tolerate their sins, and they must repent and correct their behavior. Otherwise, God will drive them out of their favorite place.

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In verses 21–28, God again warned the people through Jeremiah's mouth not to believe in false worship and lies. They must truly repent and correct their behavior in order to receive God's mercy and salvation.

Overall, Jeremiah 7 emphasizes God's desire for true repentance and coming unto Him by warning people not to trust false religion and false beliefs. This chapter emphasizes sincerity and correctness in deeds and hearts, rather than hypocrisy and worship in words. This chapter expresses God's mercy and justice by revealing the wickedness and sins of the people while calling them to true repentance. Here are some important verses in Jeremiah 7 and their meanings:

1. Jeremiah 7:3: "This is what the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, says: Correct your deeds, and I will make you dwell in this place." In this sentence, God asks the people of Israel to change their behavior and keep His commandments, and then He will let them continue to live in this place. This is a reminder that only by obeying God's commandments can one receive His blessing and grace.

2. Jeremiah 7:5-7: "If you truly correct your deeds, if you exercise justice, if you are honest with your neighbor, if you do not oppress strangers or fatherless, you do not shed innocent blood, you walk in this place, and you do not come to you after other gods, then I will make you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers in old." In these verses, God asked the people of Israel to change their behavior, to be righteous and fair, and to be honest with their neighbors and strangers. God also warned them not to follow other gods, or they would be punished. These

verses are a reminder that God's good will depends on whether we keep His commandments, and that it is only when we obey His commandments that we can receive God's blessings and peace.

3. Jeremiah 7:16: "As for you, do not pray for this people, do not cry out for them, and do not plead with me for them, for I have not heard you." In this sentence, God tells Jeremiah not to pray for the people of Israel because they refuse to obey God's commandments. This is a reminder that we must obey God's commandments and do good deeds in order to receive God's grace and blessings. If we don't keep His commandments, then our prayers will be invalid.

These verses remind us that God's requirements for justice and morality cannot be ignored. We must change our behavior, keep His commandments, and do good deeds in order to receive God's grace and blessing.

Jeremiah 7 is a very important chapter that contains several key theological central ideas and theological takeaways:

Hypocritical Religion: In Jeremiah 7, God rebukes the people of Israel for their hypocritical attachment to religious rituals. Despite their sacrifices and worship, their lives are filled with unrighteousness and evil. God pointed out their sins such as idolatry and sexual immorality, which made their religious rituals meaningless.

God's dwelling place: In Jeremiah 7, God mentions His dwelling place, which is the temple. God makes it clear that His dwelling place is not just a physical building, but more importantly the holiness and glory He represents in it. God warned the people of Israel that if they continued to sin and disobey God's ways, He would destroy the temple and make them an abomination.

Repentance and God's Promises: Jeremiah 7 also provides an opportunity for the people of Israel to repent and convert. God calls them to stop their evil deeds, correct their mistakes, and repent sincerely. If they are willing to repent, God will promise to forgive their sins and keep them safe from calamity.