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Real and the false, too many sinister faces

The central idea of Jeremiah 9 is about the contrast between hypocrisy and truth. This chapter describes how people show integrity on the outside, but on the inside they are full of evil and deceit. In verses 1–6, Jeremiah describes his grief and pain, and he grieves for the sins and punishments of his people. He said that the people deceived and rebelled against one another and did not truly obey God's law and ways. A person who "speaks deceitfully" shoots falsehood with his tongue "like a bow" and inflicts fatal wounds like a "poisoned arrow." Falsehood is the motive, the purpose is to destroy. "The brothers did their best to deceive", the people disobeyed the gods and yang, and duplicity to others, "lying" became a habit, and "deception and iniquity" became commonplace. Everyone is proficient in the art of deceit, "every man deceives his neighbor and does not tell the truth," and when the whole society becomes "a deceitful party," the people live a tired and miserable life, but they still "refuse to know" God. Because they are also 'deceitful' in confession of sin (v.6), they cannot 'know Jehovah's laws'. The situation in today's world. Emotional scams on social platforms are common; Scammers pretend to be case handlers to deceive victims into transferring money; Health care scams for the elderly, impersonating bank customer service, and even imitating the voices of our relatives and friends to deceive us into trust. Deceive brothers and neighbors in every way they can. In today's churches, they see God's house as a network to expand their business. In order to follow the trend of the world and be pushed by the trend of the world, the Lord has no place in the church, the Lord is not in the church, and the church is declared to be finished on the spiritual road. When they fall into a state of apostasy, it's easy for them to look back and wonder, what is the use of the temple, the law, the knowledge of God? Because of this doubt, it is likely that they will no longer pay attention to God. If we put this kind of situation in our human senses, we often encounter it. We ask for

something before God, and God doesn't show His answer according to what we want and according to our time, and it's very easy for us to think that God is real or false? God says He hears prayers, but He doesn't hear my prayers. It is from these outward situations that people seem to be wounded. They don't think about whether what he asks God for is acceptable to God. Not to mention whether it is pleasing to God. But most people don't care about that, God just wants to answer my prayers. Of course, they fall into doubt, and there is almost no doubt that this is the damage inflicted on oneself by human ignorance. So when we read, "The autumn is over, the summer time is over, and we are not saved!" we wish that our Lord would put this feeling in us through the Holy Spirit to face the circumstances facing the church today.

God has a good destiny for each of us. He expects us to follow Him and imitate His Son, Jesus Christ, as holy and righteous people, and we should be thankful for all things God has given us for our daily bread and all that we have in life. Then we will realize that Jehovah is my shepherd. I will not lack.

In verses 10–16, Jeremiah describes God's punishment as a response to the hypocrisy and sin of the people. He said God would punish them with war, pestilence, and famine for not truly repenting.

In verses 17–22, Jeremiah goes on to describe the sins of the people and God's punishment. He said they should mourn and repent of their sins, but they still chose to pursue evil and lies.

In verses 23–26, Jeremiah stresses that people's hypocrisy and wickedness must be judged and punished. Only by truly obeying God's laws and ways can we enjoy God's love and blessings. There is a way out for the problems of life, marriage, family, life, etc. Because Jesus is the way! We are to live under the cover and rely on the Lord with all our hearts. Today we are going to break through all the curses of life and return to the promised blessings of God. God's children are a special identity, but God values life more than anything else. There are at least 80 passages in the New Testament that remind us of the possibility of losing faith and salvation! Therefore, life that comes out of the spirit of God is the assurance of salvation.

Overall, Jeremiah 9 emphasizes the need for people to truly repent and obey God's laws and ways in order to receive God's love and blessings through the contrast between hypocrisy and truth. This chapter reveals the sin and deception of mankind, as well as God's punishment for sin. Jeremiah calls people to truly repent, to confess their sins, and not to think that when I say tears, I repent, and you say, "When I shed tears, that's my heart." Why are you sad? Are you sad about sinning against God? Or are you sad about losing face? Are you grieving for yourself? Are you grieving for sinning against God? It's the same tears, it's the same weeping, it's not necessarily the same reason. So many times our tears need to be cleansed by the blood of the Lord. The word of the Lord is very clear: Do not boast in wisdom or courage, for there is only one thing that can boast, and that is to know Jehovah and to pursue truth and integrity. Although the people of Judah were physically circumcised and made a covenant with God, they forsook God and followed idols and Baal, so they did not know God and eventually perished. Matthew 7:13-14 Enter ye through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate, and the way is great, and many enter into it. Narrow is the gate and narrow the way that leads to life, and few find it. "May the Lord guard

our hearts and give us heavenly wisdom and power, so that we may know Jehovah and walk in his righteous path, and we may see his face in the future."

Let's pray together:

Merciful Father, let us think about whether there are slanders, lies, or hurtful words in our dealings with others, and pray that the Lord will continue to enlighten us, and that the Lord will bless us and give us faith, and help us to follow God closely. Pray that the Lord himself will comfort those brothers and sisters who have been deceived and hurt in the church, and that we will lay our burdens at your feet, and that the Lord will give us the rest you have promised, so that we may regain strength in the shadow of the cross.

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

9 chapters of Jeremiah

- 9:1 Oh that my head be water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, and that I weep day and night for those who are slain in my people.
- 9:2 If only I had a place in the wilderness where travelers would lodge, that I might leave my people and go out. for they are all adulterers, deceitful parties.
- 9:3 They raised their tongues like bows to tell lies. They are growing in power in the country, not for the sake of being honest, but for the sake of evil, and they do not know me. this is what ye and hua said.
- 9:4 Beware of your neighbor and trusting your brother. For they have done all the deceit for their brothers, and their neighbors have come and gone to slander.
- 9:5 each of them deceives his neighbor and does not tell the truth. They teach the tongue to learn to lie. The work of toil.
- 9:6 your dwelling place is among the deceitful people . They would not know me because of their deceitful deeds . this is what ye and hua said .
- 9:7 Therefore this is what the Lord of the Armies says, Behold, I will melt them and boil them. Otherwise, what shall I do because of the sins of my people? 9:8 their tongues are poisoned arrows, and they speak slanderously. A man speaks peace with his neighbor, but his heart plots against him.
- 9:9 And he said, Shall I not rebuke them for their sins because of these things? will not repay such a people?
- 9:10 I will weep and mourn for the mountains, and wail for the meadows of the wilderness, for they are all scorched, and no one has passed through. people can't hear the chirping of animals. The birds of the air, and the beasts of the earth, have fled. 9:11 I will make Jerusalem a heap

of chaos and a dwelling place for wild dogs. and the cities of Judah shall be desolate, and there shall be no inhabitant.

- 9:12 who is a wise man who can understand this matter. To whom the mouth of Yahweh hawah spoke, that he might proclaim it? Why is it that all the earth is so perished and scorched as in the wilderness, that no one has even passed through it?
- 9:13 And he said, Because these people have forsaken the law which I have laid before them, and have not kept it, nor have they listened to my words. 9:14 but to walk according to the stubbornness of their own hearts, according to the teachings of their fathers, and to all Baal.
- 9:15 Therefore the God of Israel, the Lord of hosts, said, Behold, I will give it to these people, and I will give them bitter water to drink. 9:16 I will scatter them among the nations, the nations that they and their fathers did not know . And I will cause the sword to pursue them until they are utterly destroyed.
- 9:17 Thus saith the Lord of the Armies, "Think of it and call the women who sing lamentations. He also sent men to call to women who wept. 9:18 Let them quickly mourn for us, and make our eyes watery, and make our eyelids well.
- 9:19 For he heard the mourning of Zion, saying, How have we fallen? We are so ashamed that we have left the land and that our houses have been demolished.
- 9:20 Hear the words of Jehovah, women, and receive the words of his mouth. Teach your sons and daughters to mourn, and every man to teach his neighbor to sing lamentations.
- 9:21 for the dead have come up and entered into our windows and into our palaces . Cut off children from the outside, and young people from the streets.
- 9:22 Thus saith the Lord, saying, The carcass of man shall fall into the field like dung, and like a handful of grain left by a harvester, and no man will reap it.
- 9:23 Thus did the Lord say, Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, not a man of courage for his might, and not a rich man for his riches. 9:24 but he who boasts because he is wise, because he knows that I am Yahweh, and because he knows that I delight in the practice of love, justice, and righteousness in the world. this is what ye and hua said.
- 9:25 And ye said, Behold, the day is coming, and I will punish all those who have been circumcised, but whose hearts have not been circumcised.
- 9:26 It was Egypt, Judah, Edom, Ammon, Moabites, and all those who lived in the wilderness and shaved their heads. For for the nations were not circumcised, neither were the Israelis circumcised in their hearts.

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In verses 7–9, Jeremiah points out that people are outwardly upright, but inwardly full of wickedness and deceit.

He said they used a deceptive tongue, deceived each other, and could not be trusted or relied upon.

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There are several verses in Jeremiah 9 that are considered important, and they are:

- 1. "But whoever wants to boast must know me, the Lord, well because he is wise and knowledgeable; For such boasting is false. (Jeremiah 9:24) In this verse, God shows people through Jeremiah that people should boast and boast about what they know of God, not about their wisdom, wealth, or power. God emphasized that what He valued most was the knowledge and reverence of Him, which could not be attained by man with any material or force, but could only be achieved through faith and reliance on God.
- 2. "Warn every man not to boast in his wisdom, not in his might, not in his riches." (Jeremiah 9:23) This verse emphasizes a similar meaning to the first verse, which is not to be complacent with your wisdom, strength, or wealth, but to focus on knowing and fearing God. For all wealth, power, and wisdom are short-lived, and what is truly lasting and valuable is faith and reliance on God.
- 3. "And the Lord said, I will scatter them among the nations, where they and their fathers did not know them. I will send my sword after them until I utterly destroy them. (Jeremiah 9:16) This verse is God's warning to Israel through Jeremiah that they are unwilling to obey God's commands, continue to sin, and even worship idolatry. God warned them that if they did not convert, they would be banished to a foreign nation and suffer great suffering and destruction. This verse also shows God's justice and punishment to the people because He will not tolerate people's sin

Jeremiah 9 is a chapter full of sorrow and sorrow that reveals the sinfulness and injustice of the people of Israel and God's punishment for them. In this chapter, there are several important theological central ideas and theological takeaways:

Hypocrisy and Fraud: In Jeremiah 9, Jeremiah laments the deception and hypocrisy of the people of Israel. Their mouths are full of lies and they refuse to know God's ways. This reaffirms God's desire for sincerity and integrity and warns us not to indulge in hypocritical behavior.

Circumcision: In Jeremiah 9, Jeremiah also mentions "circumcision," which refers to the repentance and purification of the heart. God required the people of Israel not only to circumcise outwardly, but also to repent in their hearts and seek a true relationship with God.

God's mercy and judgment: Jeremiah 9 shows both God's mercy and judgment. God was deeply saddened to see the condition of the people of Israel, but their sins and backsliding forced God to judge. Although God wants to punish sin, He is always willing to accept and show mercy to those who repent.

Falsehood and instability in the world: In Jeremiah 9, Jeremiah describes the falsehood and instability of the world. This reminds us not to rely on the values and ephemeral things of the world, but to seek God's truth and solid foundation.

Overall, Jeremiah 9 emphasizes God's desire for sincerity and integrity and warns people not to fall into hypocrisy and hypocrisy. It also demonstrates God's mercy and judgment, reminding us to turn back to repentance and seek a true relationship with God. These theological central ideas remind us to seek God's truth in our lives, to turn away from sin, and to rely on God's mercy and love.