Jeremiah 5:20-6:15

*“A God of Love Would Never...”*

Introduction:

1. Is it true? A God of love would never…? What will you do in the end?

2. In Jeremiah 5:20-6:15 Jeremiah addresses three groups of people...Doubters Of God’s Judgment:

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**I. FAULTY PERSPECTIVE** **5:20-25**

They were *without*:

***A. They Were Without Understanding Of The Things Of God 20-21***

**1. Powerful Declaration** *Announce…Proclaim…****It is God’s Word that must***

***be declared!!***

**2. Practical Defiance** *Foolish…the fool has said, “No God”.*

\**Leave God out and life doesn’t make sense!*

*\*Leave God out and there is no beginning or end...’senseless existence’!*

**3. Personal Deadness**

**\***Their eyes and ears and minds were shut to the Word of God.

\*There is a spiritual problem.

*\**They denied that a living God had a claim on their lives and would judge them for

their sins. (6:10)

***B. They Were Without Reverence For The Power Of God 22-23***

**1. The Who Of Reverence 22a**

**\****Should you not fear Me?*

*\*Should you not tremble in My presence?*

\***We have lost the awesomeness of God!**

**2. The Why Of Reverence 22b**

**\****His mighty power over the sea…(22b)*

\***How mighty God must be to rule over the sea!**

**\***He has set the oceans in their places and bound them with dry land. Yet our

culture refuses to give God the glory for the work of creation…although evolution

is a mathematical impossibility.

\**“Design? Absolutely...without question. Designer? Not a hint.” Carl Sagen*

*\**The secular mind thinks merely in natural terms. They consider molecules in

motion. They never acknowledge that the principles that govern the universe

comes from a Mind that governs the universe, the mind of God!

**3. The Won’t Of Reverence 23**

\*Only a stubborn, rebellious heart would refuse to revere the God of creation.

\**They have turned aside and gone away.*

***C. They Were Without Gratitude For God’s Grace 24-25***

**1. God Acknowledged**...*’they do not say’* **24**

\*He addresses God’s work of providence by reminding all of the way. He

continues to uphold and sustain everything He has made.

\*God did not make the world and then walk away. He did not wind it up and

let it wind down.

\***Great Is Thy Faithfulness** *O God my Father…summer and winter, spring*

*time and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature*

*in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

**2. God Abandoned 25**

\*These *blind fools* have forgotten all of that.

\*They are beginning to reap the consequences of their ingratitude. *There is a*

*drought in Israel…your sins have kept these away (Deut. 11:16, 17)*

\*Are hurricanes, earthquakes, floods and droughts signs that God is trying to get our

attention?

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**II. FAILED PRIORITIES 5:26-30**

Riches...materialism...getting ahead at any cost...is what it is all about!!!

***A. They Catch 26***

**1.** They use people. *They lie in wait. They set snares.*

**2.** Winning is everything! Winning is what it’s all about!

***B. They Connive 27***

**1.** *A cage full of birds…*these were their trophies!

**2.** *So are their houses full of deceit…therefore…*they have become great and rich!

**3.** Stuff has a way of deadening our senses toward God. Riches give a false

impression of our true worth and value.

***C. They Calculate 28***

**1.** *They grow fat and shine…*we would call them ‘fat cats’.

**2.** They look good and they make an impression.

**3.** They are only concerned about themselves…YET THEY PROSPER!

**4.** They have no time for the less fortunate. They live for the moment. **It’s their**

**money!**

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**III. FALSE PREACHERS 5:30,31; 6:13-15**

The Lord’s condemnation against wayward preachers:

***A. It Is Appalling 30***

**1.** It is appalling when preachers do not proclaim God’s truth.

**2.** It’s appalling when preachers say merely what people want to hear.

***B. It Is Appealing 31b***

**1.** *My people love to have it so…*

**2.** It is a humanistic Gospel. Don’t preach on sin, hell or judgment…some will be

offended. *90% of the preachers in American never preach on those things that*

*might offend.*

**3. The big lie in the pulpit: God will not, nor does He judge sin.**

***C. It Is Alarming***

**1.** *“What will you do in the end?”*

**2.** Revelation 20:14-15 Only those who trust Christ will be saved. All others will

be cast into the Lake of Fire.

***D. It Is Alluring 6:13***

**1.** *Greed is good. Covetousness…makes money!*

**2.** *Everyone deals falsely…***the preachers became a product of their society!**

***E. It Is Abusing 6:14***

**1.** They were shameless liars. They abused their authority.

**2.** They preached their own message instead of God’s Word. “*Peace, Peace…when*

*there is no peace.”*

*“A minister who ceases to believe in the authority of Scripture, who denies the*

*certainty of the last judgment, who sees the pastorate as a prosperous career*

*rather than a sacrificial calling ought to drop out of the ministry.”*

**3. The people loved it!** *Preaching that entertains more than it instructs, soothes*

*more than it convicts, and appeases more than it confronts has become the rule*

*rather than the exception in the evangelical church.*

“***A God without wrath brings men without sin into a kingdom without judgment***

***through the ministrations of a Christ without a cross.” Richard Niebuhr***

**What will you do in the end?**