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Sayings of Jeremiah (3) Trust Not in Lying

LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Prov. 3:5). To put one's trust in the Lord means not only one's knowledge that He exists, but that He is the answer to all questions related to life and relief that no man or woman can give, especially if they live and operate by the philosophy that belongs to Satan. Those who trust in the Lord also know that He will be the one who will make right what others have made terrible wrong. This is to be our response to those frustrations of life that seem to have no answers in the immediate context in which we live. Thus, when Paul writes In Jeremiah 7, the Lord exhorted the people to hear Jeremiah when he said, "Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these" (7:4, KJV).

The Lord was giving attention to the willingness of the people to hear the "prophets of deceit" because they felt the presence of the glorious Temple of the Lord in Jerusalem would prevent Babylon's threats from coming to realization. Even though Jeremiah preached continuously that God was bringing Nebuchadnezzar to Jerusalem to punish the people of the Lord, the people believed the prophets (of deceit) when they said it would not happen (cf. Jeremiah 13:13-16). The people believed a lie and wanted to believe the lie.

As the Lord's prophet spoke to the Lord's people, one would think Jeremiah might have a ready audience to hear; sadly, he had hardly an audience at all who wanted to hear (7:13). Because the people refused to hear the Lord, they turned to themselves for guidance and then became guilty of idolatry, oppression, murder, injustice, and to make it worse, they presumed to think the Lord was on their side because of the Temple.

There is a powerful lesson in this for us. Jerusalem is a "perfect" illustration for those who refuse to hear the Lord, how they turn to themselves for wisdom and guidance and then take office in D.C. and the state legislatures! The powerful lesson we learn is this: If you (any one of us) put trust in something other than the Lord, we are trusting lying words, words that promise help, relief, but actually tighten the bondage to the point of strangling. Solomon wrote, "Trust in the about all things working together for good to those that love the Lord, what he means is that those who love the Lord, obey His will, salvation results. "Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1, ASV).

To put your trust in the Lord may be easier said than done because everywhere about you, you see and hear the activities of life and wonder if you should think this and do that. This was exactly the problem of the people in the days of Jeremiah. How does one put his (or her) trust in the Lord? By spending time with the Lord.

Ron Thomas preaches for the Church of Christ at Rio Grande in Bidwell, OH

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark Song Leader: Mark Opening Hymn:

22—I Will Sing The Wondrous Story

Opening Prayer: Dale

Hymn:

393—Mansion Over The Hilltop

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Proverbs 3:1-8

Hymn:

312—From The Garden To The Cross

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

575—Sunshine In My Soul

Sermon: Mark
Invitation Hymn:
636—Only A Step
Closing Hymn:

656—Blest Be The Tie Closing Prayer: Ray

Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer

CALENDAR

Dec. 3—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Mark, Business meeting

Dec. 6—Midweek Bible Study with Rob S.

Dec. 9—(b) Megan

Dec. 9—(b) Richard

Dec. 10—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Rob S.

Dec. 13—Midweek Bible Study with Rob S.

Dec. 17—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker

Dec. 20—Midweek Bible Study with Rob S.

Dec. 24—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker

Dec. 27—Midweek Bible Study with Rob S.

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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PRAYER LIST

Mynda's sisters-in-law Father is now on Hospice.

Her Injured Achilles tendon. As she travels.

Celeste's mother in law Amy's heart

Nina health issues
Tom surgery recovery

Mark and **Debbie** as they travel. **Mark's** back and Heart procedure recovery

Tom's Bible Study with Roberta, Channing, and Kris.

Bonnie grandsons Devin & Dakota, Rhonda
Wanda's migraines; son Allen, sisters Lorraine &
Joyce . Her niece Nikki in bad accident
Her niece Lorrie had a heart attack

Mary and family. Mary's friend **Aubrey's** pregnancy.

Kathy, is home Her sister is in rehab.

Linda's health, **Tiffany's** health & stress & family 2 1/2 year old baby with terminal cancer.

Zarna and her family

Juanita, is at Briar Hill rehab room 100, and the rest of her family.

Ray and Barbara and their family.

Dale's health issues, headaches and his family.
His Mother. heart and lungs. 7 year old
girl, Lucie, with leukemia. His uncle James
sadly has passed away. Cousin Kenny hernia,
Cousin Joshua heart Issues,

Cousin **Randal** physical & mental health

Ray's and his family. Rebecca's knee & illness Steven health

Pat and her family

Robert's friend Freeman with cancer

Brenda's health, her sister Linda and sister-in-law Linda as they vstruggle with cancer. Her son Mark surgery, granddaughter Amanda

Lenise—knee problems.

The nations at war

Myron & Carole as they travel..

Mark Lance who has pneumonia.

Larry & Ruth

Mike & Debra as they lead Bryce back to Christ

Proverbs 3:1-8

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: ² For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. ³ Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: ⁴ So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man. ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. ⁷ Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. ⁸ It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.