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Sayings in Jeremiah (2) Seek The Old Paths

There are some sayings in Jeremiah that are better known than others. One we mention today will be one of those sayings. In Jeremiah 6:16 we read,

- KJV: 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.
- NET: The LORD said to his people: "You are standing at the crossroads. So, consider your path. Ask where the old, reliable paths are. Ask where the path is that leads to blessing and follow it. If you do, you will find rest for your souls." But they said, "We will not follow it!"
- Brenton: Thus, saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths of the Lord; and see what is the good way, and walk in it, and ye shall find purification for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in them (English translation of the Septuagint, or Greek Old Testament).

Context: Jeremiah was the Lord's prophet who had placed on him a burden so heavy that it's a wonder he held up under it, and he only did so because of his loyalty to the Lord. His burden was "simply" to preach the Lord's word to a people who did not want to hear it, as can be seen/read at the end of this verse. The Lord called on His prophet to go where the people were and say to them what they did not want to hear. Knowing this, Jeremiah heard the Lord's will, and he went. He went to a stubborn people, and he called on them to seek the "old paths." What are the "old paths" that Jeremiah spoke of? This is a reference to the same thing Isaiah said when he preached to stubborn people. "To the law and to the testimony! if they speak not according to this word, surely there is no morning for them" (8:20, ASV).

The Lord appealed to them to hear His word and be saved from the coming destruction. Sadly, they chose a different path.

There is an application for us in this: Some Christians seek to be more like the religious world around, just like they were in Jeremiah's day. Those loyal to the Lord, however, will not tread upon a path that has a destination full of uncertainty. To seek the old paths is to stay with the Lord. Don't go to the right and see how exclusive you (we) can be, and don't go to the left and see how inclusive you (we) can be. The religious world will do what they can to dictate to you (us) what should be, but only the Lord has authority in these matters. There are many solid folks in this world who genuinely want to follow the Lord's will, and they try to the best of their ability; be there to help and encourage them but stay with the old paths as you do. As the passage says, those who do will find rest for their souls.

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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark
Song Leader: Dale
Opening Hymn:
59—Holy, Holy, Holy
Opening Prayer: Robert
Hymn:
222—Faith Of Our Fathers
Scripture Reading: Ryan
Psalm 6:1-6
Hymn:
297—When My Love to Christ Grows Weak
Lord's Supper: Dale
Hymn:
668—Our God He Is Alive
Sermon: Mark
Invitation Hymn:
642—I Am Resolved
Closing Hymn:
53—Purer In Heart, O God
Closing Prayer: Ray

**Remember, being happy
doesn't mean you have it all.
It simply means you are
thankful for all you have.**

CALENDAR

Nov. 26—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark
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. 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.

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

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Delight in the law

Psalm 1:16

WORD LIST

AWAY	BLESSED	CHAFF
DELIGHT	DRIVE	FRUIT
JUDGMENT	KNOWS	LAW
LEAF	LORD	MEDITATE
NIGHT	PERISH	PLANED
PROSPER	RIGHTEOUS	RIVERS
SCORNFUL	SEASON	SEAT
SINNERS	STAND	TREE
UNGODLY	WALK	WATER
WIND	WITHER	

D B J U M I K E E Q V T W S W
P E D R O L L E K P D U I C A
E M S Y J F A Q L E F Z N O T
R R K S R F W P L A N E D R E
I E P U E R U I C C I G G N R
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R N R I G H T E O U S S L U S
U J D Q B Y A W A T A E S G J

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 up coming surgery on November 30th

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
Asher's surgery recovery, **Steven** health

Pat and her family

Robert's friend **Freeman** with cancer

Randy health issues & tests

Brenda's has pneumonia , her sister
Linda and sister-in-law **Linda** as they
struggle with cancer. **Her** son
Mark heart, granddaughter **Amanda**

Lenise—knee problems.

The nations at war

Myron & Carol as they travel..

Mark Lance who has pneumonia.

Larry & Ruth

Mike & Debra as they lead Bryce back to Christ

Psalms 1:1-6

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ²But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. ³And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. ⁴The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. ⁵Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. ⁶For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.