

<p>Sermon : Sunday 24th January 2021. Jeremiah 2:30-37, Ps. 34. The Certain Penalty for Refusing God's Love</p>	
<p>Review: God pleads His case against the sin of Judah. He loved the Egyptian slave. rescued them. Richard Rogers. 'If they asked me, I could write a Book'... They rejected the plot... His Love Loved a lot - Provided all they needed in abundance. They had despised His provision. We read in the Book, how they turned to the gods of other nations. Satisfying fleshly lusts. He showed them the fate of the Northern Kingdom and the sins that brought their downfall. Compared to a harlot, undisciplined vine, uncleanable filth, a useless camel, stupid ass, thief. A Godless generation had produced bad leaders. V8. Priests, Judges, Pastors; Prophets. 26.</p> <p>V29. Why are you arguing against Me? You have all taken a position against Me. Again, I plead. God now seeking to reach 'this...generation'. The 'Ever Seeking Jesus'. Why will ye die'.</p>	<p>29 Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD.</p>
<p>A Predictable Outcome for the Southern Kingdom 31-37 V-28. If the people of Judah refuse to honour their Jehovah and turn to the false Gods will happen.</p>	<p>28 But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.</p>
<p>30-31. Till this time, they have refused to listen to God's prophets. God's Word was neglected. Here is a generation ignorant of the Word, how blessings bestowed on their people from God, Judah brought under tribute because of rejection of God's love. They were their own lords,</p>	<p>30 In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion. 31 O generation, see ye the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people, We are lords; we will come no more unto thee?</p>
<p>32. You have behaved without common sense. Can a bride forget her wedding dress? V2-3 The ornamental blessings obtained through the vows of marriage; Blessings of family/home. Israel had been as His Bride from all the nations on earth. His loved possession.</p>	<p>32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.</p>
<p>33. There will be a decline in the Nation's morality. Contagion of sin, quick infection spreads. God had ordained marriage. The faithful union of male and female, They will trim their ways. We can make better.</p> <p>Our definition of love is better, will make me happier. Love is God.</p>	<p>33 Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways.</p>

<p>34. The lives of the Poor, the lesser may be sacrificed asl pursue my own wellbeing, satisfaction. I will do it my way... I have right to happiness. I will pursue riches. fame, any pleasure. Known to God, He didn't have to look far. Way of sinners obvious, scene all around the places. In the social order Love is denied. Love is the answer to industrial, legal, social needs.</p>	<p>34 Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.</p>
<p>35. Self-righteousness is the natural bias of sinful man. The person separated from Holy God/Word. Listen to argument. Politicians always accuse /contend others of bad, the worst behaviour. Parliaments 'Lord's Prayer'. 'Forgive us our sins'?? Cannot hide the demand of God for truth. Revelation Of human heart. deceitful, unregenerate. No love extended.</p>	<p>35 Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned.</p>
<p>36. Message to Judah. Why do you run around seeking a solution to the mess you are in? Assyrians threatened Judah sought help from Egypt. Never repentant, seeking help from God. Like the Northern Kingdom you will know shame and failure. Love's experience is lost.</p>	<p>36 Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria.</p>
<p>37. This will be your fate. Marched into slavery with your hands on your head. God has decreed. Your confidence in your own opinions (rejecting God's Prophets). Forgetting former blessings. Seeking sinful pleasures condemned by God. Denying the lesser ones their rights. Proclaiming your own righteousness. Trying to live successfully by earthly helps/means. Lost from love. The simple secret of this plot. 'Gods so loved the world a lot'. Let the wicked forsake... 'Come unto Me..'</p> <p>Problem of 'love and marriage' for young men today. Uncertain by female equality, appropriate approach. The fear and hurt of rejection. Many find it easier to find sexual pleasure on the internet. True love risky. Jehovah continued to love and seek His people, though often rejected for other lovers. So, He sent His Son. Rejected to the point of crucifixion. The cried 'Crucify'. He still calls but most reject Him for the world. Abuse or refuse God's love and you lose.</p>	<p>37 Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.</p>