

Reading assignment for August 20-26: Jeremiah 8-30;

Memory: *"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is in the Lord."* (Jeremiah 17:7)

Consider:

- 1) In 11:8 God accused the people of not obeying His instructions or listening to Him, noting they were following the *"dictates of their evil hearts"*. In verse 10 God said the people had returned to the sins of their forefathers by engaging in idolatry. In verse 11 God said even if the people cried out to Him He would not listen to them and in verse 14, told Jeremiah it wouldn't do any good for him to pray for the people. Much of this conversation is repeated in 14:10-12. What lesson does this provide for us?
- 2) Describe the correlation between Jeremiah 17:8 and Psalm 1.
- 3) Why was God opposed to many of the prophets in chapter 23?
- 4) What promise did God make in 24:7?
- 5) In chapter 26, Urijah the prophet was faithful to his ministry and spoke the message God assigned to him. In spite of this, he was rejected and killed by King Jehoiakim and buried in a cemetery of common men. Let the story of Urijah encourage you to be faithful to God and to be driven by a desire to be honored by Him even if it means you will be rejected by men. Ask yourself the question: Are you driven by the approval of God or men?