

Drought, Famine, Sword - Jeremiah 14:1-15:21

Topics: Acceptance, Alone, Anger, Backslide, Change, Compassion, Covenant, Death, Despair, Enemies, Evil, Fasting, Fear, Forsake, Goodness, Guilt, Hatred, Healing, Heart, Hope, Humiliation, Idolatry, Joy, Judgment, Listening, Lying, Mourning, Name, Pain, Peace, People, Prayer, Prophecy, Punishment, Rejection, Remembering, Repentance, Restoration, Salvation, Serving, Sin, Suffering, Wealth, Words

Open It

- * 1. What is the biggest lie you have ever believed for a period of time?
- 2. When have you pleaded for mercy on behalf of someone else?

Explore It

- 3. What desperate situation did Jeremiah foresee for Jerusalem? (14:1-6)
- 4. On what basis did Jeremiah plead for God's intervention? (14:7-9)
- * 5. Why did God say He would not be dissuaded from punishing Israel? (14:10-12)
- 6. How did God reply when Jeremiah told Him that the prophets were giving the people the impression that they were safe? (14:13-16)
- 7. With what dismaying word did God send Jeremiah to the people of Israel? (14:17-18)
- 8. What great men of faith did God maintain could not convince Him to rescue Israel from judgment? (15:1-3)
- 9. What king of Judah was particularly responsible for leading the people so far astray? (15:4)
- 10. What attitude had set God firmly against the people of Israel? (15:5-9)
- * 11. How was Jeremiah treated because of the message he brought from God? (15:10)
- * 12. What promise did God make to His servant Jeremiah? (15:11)
- 13. How did God describe the ruthlessness of the enemy He sent against Israel? (15:12-14)
- 14. How did Jeremiah plead his own case with God? (15:15-18)
- 15. Of what did Jeremiah need to repent in order to continue as God's spokesman? (15:19-21)
- 16. How did God predict that Jeremiah would continue to be received by the people? (15:20-21)
- 17. What promise did God make to Jeremiah even as He asked him to take an unpopular course? (15:20-21)

Get It

- * 18. How did God handle the dilemma of His people in need of punishment and His own name in need of vindication?
- 19. Why was God so unresponsive to Jeremiah's pleading on behalf of the people?
- * 20. Why do false prophets often receive more honor from their audience than faithful prophets?
- 21. Why did God not accept Jeremiah's repentant attitude on behalf of the people?
- 22. How is it fair or unfair that even God's faithful servants will experience suffering?
- 23. When can, or cannot, an appeal to the honor of God's name persuade Him to act?
- 24. When can the worthiness of God's people cease to be a legitimate defense against God's discipline?

Apply It

- 25. How can you prepare yourself to discern the lying words of people who falsely claim to represent the truth?
- * 26. What steps could you take to prepare yourself to deliver or defend God's Word, regardless of how it is received?