



DATE: 21 July 2024 AM
TEXT: **Jeremiah 7:1-24**
TITLE: **Hear**

verb: to listen with the intent
of obeying

Stand in the gate of the LORD'S house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

Jeremiah 7:2-3

INTRODUCTION

- last week, we began a two-part message from **Jeremiah 7**

Jeremiah declared *the carelessness of the people...*they were not **HEEDING** the warning

HOLLOW WORSHIP

HIDDEN WICKEDNESS

HEINOUS WAVERING

this morning, we want to **HEAR** *the charge of the prophet* as he shows Judah the solution

- all too often in our own culture, we have plenty of people who can identify the problem

but too few offer any solutions

Republican, Democrat, organized religion,
race, economics, etc.

Matthew 6:33 seek ye first the kingdom

James 1:5 lack wisdom...ask

James 4:8 draw nigh...

John 15:5 without me ye can do nothing

verse 3

...and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

John 10:10

...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

the charge of the prophet calls you to:

1. AWAKEN YOUR MIND

verse 2 Hear the word of the LORD

= **to consider intelligently**

our culture has produced lazy thinking:

amusement and entertainment

pictures rather than words

short sound bites, texts, etc.

classical conditioning (Pavlov's dog)

the average human brain stores more information than the Library of Congress...yet, how often do we access this information?

verses 4, 8 they were listening to *lying words*

verse 27 ...but they will not hearken to thee

cf **Hebrews 5:11b** ...dull of hearing

Amos 8:11-12

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, **but of hearing the words of the LORD:** and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.

we live in the most technologically advanced time in human history, and yet...

2 Corinthians 10:5b every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ

the charge of the prophet calls you to:

2. AMEND YOUR MORALITY

verse 3 ...amend your ways and your doings

also **verse 5 (26:13) 35:15**

ways and doings...the direction of your life
and the purposes you take on

amend = to do good; to make well

this is a medical term: inspect and declare
to be in good health

infection? open wounds?

in Jeremiah's day, the people **KNEW** what was right,
yet they continued to sin anyway

Psalms 26:2

Examine me, O LORD, and prove me;
try my reins and my heart.

Psalms 139:23

Search me, O God, and know my heart:
try me, and know my thoughts...

Jeremiah 17:10

I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins,
even to give every man according to his
ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

John 8:9

And they which heard it, being convicted by their
own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at
the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left
alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

convict = to expose; to cross-examine

what is God convicting you of right now???

the charge of the prophet calls you to:

3. ADAPT YOUR MANNER

verse 23 ...obey my voice

obey is the same word as *hear* in **verse 2**

in Hebrew, these two words are understood to mean the same thing...why would you listen if you did not intend to do what was instructed?

to fix the immediate problem but not to adjust your lifestyle is like a farmer who is always pulling weeds but never growing a crop

"improvising" your life...not fixing the problem, merely finding a way to live with the broken things in life

duct tape and WD-40

Romans 6:1-2

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Colossians 3:3

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Proverbs 10:9

He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

Proverbs 11:3

The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

**would you rather fool the preacher,
or be right with God?**