

The Heart of the Problem

Jeremiah 17:1-13

Main lesson: The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart, but Jeremiah 17:1-13 gives us hope that can remedy the heart problem of humanity.

Introduction: I wanted to change the world.

The Condition Of The Human Heart: Jeremiah 17:1-13

What is the problem?

1. The problem is the idolatrous human heart (17:1-8)

The Man who Trusts in Man (Jeremiah 17:5-6).

The Man who Trusts in the Lord (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

Why is the heart the problem?

2. The heart problem is a trust problem (17:9-11)

"The seed of every sin known to man is in my heart." - R. M. McCheyne

We can't trust our hearts. Look elsewhere. Look to God.

The Lord Searches the Heart with Justice (Jeremiah 17:10-11).

How can the heart problem be remedied?

3. The remedy for the heart problem is to look up (17:12-13)

Look to the Lord because He looks at the heart (1 Samuel 16:7).

The Lord is the hope and help for God's People (Jeremiah 17:12-13).

But there is great hope for the heart (Jeremiah 31:33-34)

A new heart and new spirit (Ezekiel 11:19-20).

Application: Our Heart Change

What hope do we have? What can we do?

1. Pray For Hearts (Ours and Others)

2. Guard Hearts (Ours and Others)

3. Take Heart and Trust the Lord (Ours and Others)

To change the world you must change the country, to change the country you must change the family, to change the family you must change the man, to change the man you must change his heart. Will you address the heart of the problem? Seek a heart change from God who can change peoples hearts.