

Jeremiah 17:1-13 — The Heart of the Problem

READ Jeremiah 17:1-13 & Ezekiel 11:19-20. **LISTEN:** Pastor Edmonds [sermon](#).

Description: 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. But our hearts are deceitful and this heart change is only achieved when a heart trusts the Lord and becomes regenerated spiritually through Christ.

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.

Questions:

OPEN: If you could change the world would you? What if you had the remedy to the real problem would you share it?

1. For what reasons is God judging Judah's Sinful Hearts (See 17:1-4)?
2. Describe the Man who Trusts in Man (17:5-6)? What are outcomes?
3. Describe the Man who Trusts in the Lord (17:7-8) ? What are outcomes?
4. How do we know when our trust is in man rather than God?
5. Have you ever just followed your heart? Where did it take you?

6. Does Jeremiah 17:9 concern you at all? Why or why not?

7. How does the issue of all humans having a deceitful heart prove that christianity is true?

8. Will God judge our hearts and our fruitfulness like He does with Judah?

9. What hope do we have for heart change if we can't change ourselves?

10. Read Joel 2:13. Psalm 51:17. Psalm 24:3-4. Whose heart are you praying for?

11. Read Matthew 12:34. Proverbs 4:23-24. What ways can you guard your heart?

12. John 16:33. Proverbs 3:5-6. What do you need to take heart in today?

STOP AND PRAY:

Praise... *God that the world changes when hearts change in Christ.*

Confess... *to following and trusting in the wayward hearts of men.*

Pray... *to trust the Lord and the remedy of a new heart He gives for new behaviour.*