

## The Choice Is Yours!

Jeremiah 6:10 - To whom can I speak and give warning? Who will listen to me? Their ears are closed so they cannot hear. The word of the Lord is offensive to them; they find no pleasure in it.

Jeremiah 6:15a - Are they ashamed of their detestable conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush...

Jeremiah 7:23-24

23. but I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you.

24. But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts. They went backward and not forward.

Jeremiah 9:3 - "They make ready their tongue like a bow, to shoot lies; it is not by truth that they triumph in the land. They go from one sin to another; they do not acknowledge me," declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 8:6-9

6. I have listened attentively, but they do not say what is right. None of them repent of their wickedness, saying, "What have I done?" Each pursues their own course like a horse charging into battle.

7. Even the stork in the sky knows her appointed seasons, and the dove, the swift and the thrush observe the time of their migration. But MY PEOPLE do not know the requirements of the Lord.

8. How can you say, "We are wise, for we have the law of the Lord," when actually the lying pen of the scribes has handled it falsely?

9. The wise will be put to shame; they will be dismayed and trapped. Since they have rejected the word of the Lord, what kind of wisdom do they have?

2 Chr. 7:14 - "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

John 1:12-13

12. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--

13. children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Rom 8:16-17

16. The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.  
 17. Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

I Jn. 3:1-2

1. How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.  
 2. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

James 4:8 (NKJV) - Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Matthew 15:8 (NKJV) - `These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.

## **1. WILL HUMBLE THEMSELVES**

James 4:6-10

6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."  
 7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.  
 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.  
 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.  
 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

## **2. AND PRAY**

Jim Cymbala - "You can tell how popular a church is by how many attend on Sunday morning, You can tell how popular a Pastor is by how many attend on Wed night but you can tell how popular Jesus is by how many attend prayer

meetings."

Isa 1:18 - "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

Ps 3:4 - To the LORD I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill. Selah

Ps 34:4 - I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Ps. 91:1 - He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Matt 7:7-8

7. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

8. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

### **3. AND SEEK MY FACE**

*Firstly: To understand His will & His Heart*

Ps 27:7-8

7. Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

8. My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.

*Secondly: Asking God to expose your hidden sins to you.*

Ps. 90:8 - You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance.

Countenance = face

Psalm 90:8 (Young's Literal Translation) - Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, Our hidden things at the light of Thy face.

*Thirdly: To let the light of His face be transferred to yours.*

Ex. 33:11 - The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend.

Ex. 34:29-30

29. When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD.

30. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant,

Ex. 33:18-23

18. Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

19. And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

20. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

21. Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock.

22. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

23. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

1 Cor. 13:12 - Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

1 Cor. 15:51-58

51. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed--

52. in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

53. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

54. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

55. "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

56. The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

57. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Num. 6:25 - the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

Isa. 60:1

1. "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

2. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

3. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

#### **4. AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS**

Pr. 28:13 - He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses AND RENOUNCES them finds mercy.

Ezek 18:27-32

27. But if a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he will save his life.

28. Because he considers all the offenses he has committed and turns away from them, he will surely live; he will not die.

29. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Are my ways unjust, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

30. "Therefore, O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall.

31. Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, O house of Israel?

32. For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

#### **5. THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN**

2 Chron. 7:15 - Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.

## **6. AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN**

Ps 32:5 - Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"-- and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

I Jn. 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

## **7. AND HEAL THEIR LAND**

Ps. 35:27 - "He takes pleasure in prospering us..."

Joel 2:25-27

25. `I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten-- the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm -- my great army that I sent among you.

26. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed.

27. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

Lam 3:40-41

40. Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD.

41. Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to God in heaven,