

REDEMPTION CHURCH

Sins of a Nation | The Result of Sin

REMINDER

Lie 1: Sin only affects me.

Lie 2: Because of grace, sin no longer has effects.

Truth: Sin has consequences – personally, corporately, and nationally.

JEREMIAH 5:1-3

Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, look and take note! Search her squares to see if you can find a man, one who does justice and seeks truth, that I may pardon her.

2 *Though they say, "As the Lord lives," yet they swear falsely.*

3 *O Lord, do not your eyes look for truth? You have struck them down, but they felt no anguish; you have consumed them, but they refused to take correction. They have made their faces harder than rock; they have refused to repent.*

Last week we walked through identifying the sins of a nation, and how individual sin leads to corporate sin. In the second week of this series, we'll conclude the series by addressing the result of sin and how we are called to respond.

Isaiah 58:1-2

"Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God."

Notes:

Jeremiah 58:1a –run to and fro

- Indicates a sense of urgency in more than one sphere of influence.
- Problem: We've allowed the naive to drive the narrative (the youth and young adults generations, who lack perspective and wisdom that only age and experience can bring).
- Drained of energy, we sit when we should stand.

Jeremiah 58:1b –look and take note

- As opposed to ignoring or forgetting
- The enemy wants us to forget the ground he's already taken by distracting us with "shiny new hills to die on," while he continues to chip away at the foundation of truth.
- Just look at the ridiculous headlines of the day to see this at play.

–ie. *Federal court in Maryland says parents don't have a 'fundamental right' to opt kids out of radical gender theory curricula.*

Jeremiah 58:1b –see if you can find a man, one

- We need to live in the reality of what's actually going on! (Is there a university, mainline denomination, etc that is holding the line of truth?)

BIG POINT

Whose eyes do we want to rest on us and find favor, society's or God's?

We don't change the Word, we allow it to change us!

"Cheap grace," in reality, leads to no grace (judgement).

We're called to be BOLD agents and instruments of righteousness.

Share the clear truth of God's Word and make room for transformational grace to break in!

Jeremiah 5:12-13

They have spoken falsely of the Lord and have said, 'He will do nothing; no disaster will come upon us, nor shall we see sword or famine. The prophets will become wind; the word is not in them. Thus shall it be done to them!'"

Right Response

1. Remember the Gospel

[Romans 6:12-14](#)

2. Pray and Repent

[Daniel 9:3-5](#)

3. Return to the Word of God.

[Daniel 9:13](#)

Notes continued...:

• We need to be prepared to be the one. Start every morning in prayer and in God's Word.

Jeremiah 58:2 – "As the Lord lives," yet they swear falsely.

- We've GOT to know the Word of God.
- The opposition will not be overt, but hide behind the church. In the new age of deception the enemy doesn't own the departure from biblical Christianity, so we need to be able to identify the errors and false narratives that include:
 1. The 10 Commandments replaced with "Thou shalt be nice." The equate "nice" with "agreement".
 2. The church (rhetoric & messaging) is the "problem". The truth is that their real issue is with truth itself.
 3. "That's not what it really means" is how they dismantle core biblical truth and teachings.
- Why? Simply, because darkness hates light.
- Result? We've "nicely" let our nation sink into sin. "Niceness" doesn't win souls, the Gospel does!

Jeremiah 58:3 – look for truth

• God is looking for truth and righteousness. Can He find it here? Seems not if we use the litmus tests in the rest of this verse. Do we see the following signs here? Sadly, yes.

Sign 1: "They refused to take correction."

- A pervasive stubborn pride has overtaken the nation.
- Clearly evident when 60-70% of "professed Christians" refuse to acknowledge or be corrected by biblical truth because it's "outdate" or "wrongly interpreted".
- We need to check our own hearts to see if we are doing the same thing!

Sign 2: They ascribe to cheap grace.

- They refuse to acknowledge punishment/correction and argue the lies that:
 1. There's no consequence for sin, because grace covers it.
 2. The Gospel saves me from hell, but doesn't compel me to walk out biblical truth.

The Results:

1. It withholds good things from us. ([Jeremiah 5:25](#))
2. It separates us from God. ([Deuteronomy 31:17](#))
3. Sin causes God to hide His face from us. ([Isaiah 1:15](#))