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Jeremiah 5.

The LORD desires to Pardon Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 5:1 ----- ¹Run 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.

This verse shows how far the entire nation of Judah has fallen from their original calling. God tells them He will release them from the impending destruction that is coming if they can find even one man amongst them who does what is right and fair and seeks after God and the truth.

Neither the learned nor the unlearned know what is valuable to God.

Jeremiah 5:2-5 ----- ²Though they say, "As the LORD lives," yet they swear falsely. ³O 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. ⁴Then I said, "These are only the poor; they have no sense; for they do not know the way of the LORD, the justice of their God. ⁵I will go to the great and will speak to them, for they know the way of the LORD, the justice of their God." But they all alike had broken the yoke; they had burst the bonds.

The people of Judah confess God but they: -

- Swear falsely.
- Do not look for truth.
- Feel no anguish even though the LORD has disciplined them.
- Refuse to take correction.
- Have made their faces and hearts harder than rock toward the word of the LORD.
- Refuse to repent.

Jeremiah thinks, maybe it's only the poor and unlearned who do not know the ways of the LORD so he goes to those in authority, the Priests, the Shepherd's and the teachers, but sadly he finds that they are all the same, no-one knows what is really valuable to God.

A Lion, Wolf and Leopard.

Jeremiah 5:6 ----- ⁶Therefore a lion from the forest shall strike them down; a wolf from the desert shall devastate them. A leopard is watching their cities; everyone who goes out of them shall be torn in pieces, because their transgressions are many, their apostasies are great.

The lion, the wolf and the leopard; refer to Babylon and her allied nations who came against Jerusalem and the people of Judah.

Everyone who goes out of their cities will be torn in pieces; one of the method's an army used to conquer a city was to starve them to death or surrender. Their armies would surround the wall of a city so that if anyone went out of the city to get food they would be captured or killed.

The LORD Desire to Pardon Judah.

Jeremiah 5:7-9 ----- ⁷"How can I pardon you? Your children have forsaken me and have sworn by those who are no gods. When I fed them to the full, they committed adultery and trooped to the houses of whores. ⁸They were well-fed, lusty stallions, each neighing for his neighbor's wife. ⁹Shall I

not punish them for these things? declares the LORD; and shall I not avenge myself on a nation such as this?

God prospered the people of Judah, but sadly in their prosperity they worshipped idols and indulged in sex with married people. God wants to pardon Judah, but asks, "How, can He when they continue in their wicked ways?"

Israel and Judah are Treacherous to the LORD.

Jeremiah 5:10-14 ---- ¹⁰"Go up through her vine rows and destroy, but make not a full end; strip away her branches, for they are not the LORD'S. ¹¹For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have been utterly treacherous to me, declares the LORD. ¹²They 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. ¹³The prophets will become wind; the word is not in them. Thus shall it be done to them!' ¹⁴Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: "Because you have spoken this word, behold, I am making my words in your mouth a fire, and this people wood, and the fire shall consume them.

The false prophets of Israel were telling the people of Judah they are safe, their God would not allow war or famine to come to them. If the priest, the people and their leaders were living and doing what is right before God what the prophets were saying would be a true statement, but the people are in rebellion to God and extreme wickedness. When Babylon attacked the land of Judah and the city of Jerusalem they suffered both the horrors of war and extreme famine.

God is Bringing an Ancient Nation against Judah.

Jeremiah 5:15-17 ----- ¹⁵Behold, I am bringing against you a nation from afar, O house of Israel, declares the LORD. It is an enduring nation; it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language you do not know, nor can you understand what they say. ¹⁶Their quiver is like an open tomb; they are all mighty warriors. ¹⁷They shall eat up your harvest and your food; they shall eat up your sons and your daughters; they shall eat up your flocks and your herds; they shall eat up your vines and your fig trees; your fortified cities in which you trust they shall beat down with the sword."

The nation in focus is Babylon.

God will Not Totally Destroy His People.

Jeremiah 5:18-19 ---- ¹⁸"But even in those days, declares the LORD, I will not make a full end of you. ¹⁹And when your people say, 'Why has the LORD our God done all these things to us?' you shall say to them, 'As you have forsaken me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve foreigners in a land that is not yours.' "

These foreboding words of Jeremiah were fulfilled through Babylon.

Babylon invaded Jerusalem and took its inhabitants (the Two Tribes of Judah) into captivity later Babylon conquered Assyria who had previously taken Israel (the Ten Tribes in the land of Samaria) captive.

Israel and Judah were under Babylonian rule for 70 years. They went into captivity to Babylon as two rebellious nations who had turned from God to idols and who were even sacrificing their own children to pagan gods.

While in captivity God moulded them like a master potter moulds a beautiful clay jar. They went into Babylon as two unfaithful nations that had turned away from the LORD to idols and other gods. Seventy years later, Cyrus (King of Persia) who the LORD called His Shepherd (Isaiah 44:28) gave permission to Israel to return to Jerusalem.

Under Ezra and Nehemiah God brought Israel back to their beloved City Jerusalem as one nation faithful to only one God, the LORD their God, the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob (Israel never turned to pagan gods again).

Fear of the LORD.

Jeremiah 5:20-25 ---- ²⁰Declare this in the house of Jacob; proclaim it in Judah: ²¹"Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but see not, who have ears, but hear not. ²²Do you not fear me? declares the LORD; Do you not tremble before me? I placed the sand as the boundary for the sea, a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass; though the waves toss, they cannot prevail; though they roar, they cannot pass over it. ²³But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart; they have turned aside and gone away. ²⁴They do not say in their hearts, 'Let us fear the LORD our God, who gives the rain in its season, the autumn rain and the spring rain, and keeps for us the weeks appointed for the harvest.' ²⁵Your iniquities have turned these away, and your sins have kept good from you.

God asks the people of Judah, "why they do not fear Him," especially since He is the creator of all things and controls all creation.

The Fear of the LORD.

The fear of the LORD is having a hatred of everything that harms another human physically, financially, sexually, emotionally, or spiritually and having a strong dislike of anything that destroys the planet and of whoever treats animals cruelly. God loves humans He gave his only Son to die for them. The Fear of the LORD is about protecting and preventing harm to other humans. It is about knowing we are all going to stand before Him one day and give an account of our actions thus the fear of this judgment should motivate a person to do the right thing and treat others with respect.

The Fear of the LORD and Salvation.

The reason a person is told to fear the LORD is because all humans have sinned and will one-day be judged by God. This fear should motivate all of us to seek God and his eternal salvation and forgiveness. That is why the Bible says the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom it motivates a person to seek God and His forgiveness.

The apostle John in the following verses says: -

1 John 1:1-10 ----- ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

But; once a person finds the LORD and His forgiveness and knows His grace and salvation the human heart is transformed and the person is changed they now consider God's testimonies more wonderful than fine gold. They understand God's laws protect them and other humans from harm and impart wisdom and understanding to even the lowest in rank. The motivation to follow and continually seek God is not from fear anymore, but from love because they now know and experience the love God's has for them.

The Fear of the LORD has two applications: -

1. **An Eternal Application;** wisdom teaches that mankind is separated from God because of sin and without God a person has no hope of eternal life and will be judged to eternal death. The Fear of the LORD in this context is wisdom because it motivates a person to seek God and eternal life.
2. **An Application for the Present Moment;** the Fear of the LORD in the present moment motivates mankind to obey God's Ten Commandments which are all designed to protect the innocent from harm, physically, financially, sexually, emotionally and spiritually.

Thus the Fear of the LORD in this context is wisdom because if everyone feared the LORD humanity would live in harmony with each other. Sadly there is very little Fear of the LORD in the world today and so we see rampant rebellion, crime and wars in most countries.

Wicked Men are among God's People.

Jeremiah 5:26-31 ----- ²⁶For wicked men are found among my people; they lurk like fowlers lying in wait. They set a trap; they catch men. ²⁷Like a cage full of birds, their houses are full of deceit; therefore they have become great and rich; ²⁸they have grown fat and sleek. They know no bounds in deeds of evil; they judge not with justice the cause of the fatherless, to make it prosper, and they do not defend the rights of the needy. ²⁹Shall I not punish them for these things? declares the LORD, and shall I not avenge myself on a nation such as this?" ³⁰An appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land: ³¹the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule at their direction; my people love to have it so, but what will you do when the end comes?

The leaders of God's people are: -

- Prophesying and speaking falsely and the priests enforce their words.
- Enormously rich, they eat at the best places and buy the most expensive clothing.
- Saying and doing whatever is needed to make themselves rich and fulfil their own desire.
- Prospering by making crooked judgments toward those that are orphaned and the less fortunate.
- Not defending the rights of the needy.
- The priests rule at their direction not that of the LORD'S.

What makes this even worse is that the people are allowing it.

God is basically saying would it be right if He continues to allow His people to do such wicked things, rather than intervene and corrected their greed, selfishness and lack of compassion for the less fortunate.

End.