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TUESDAY

OPEN

Oh dear one, I do not know what you are facing. I don't know what kind of difficulties you may be in. I don't know if they're of your own making—that's so hard, isn't it—or if it's of someone else's, but I do have a word from God for you. He says, **“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is there anything too difficult for Me?” (Jeremiah 32:27)** God has the answer and we'll see that today.

PART ONE

Well Beloved, if you remember the setting of this verse, and we saw it yesterday, Jeremiah is in the court of the guard. He is under arrest, and the city is being besieged. And yet, in the midst of all that the word of the Lord comes to Jeremiah and God tells Jeremiah, “This is what you're going to do: You're going to buy your uncle's land.” And sure enough the uncle shows up. And when the uncle shows up and they end up making the contract to the

land, God has so overwhelmed Jeremiah, because although the enemy is outside, what God is telling Jeremiah is, “This difficulty is going to come to pass. You are coming back to this land. People will again buy land here and they will build houses.” (See Jeremiah 32:7-15) Do you know why? Because “I’m the Lord and there is nothing too difficult for Me.” (See Jeremiah 32:27) Now that’s what we saw yesterday. And what I want us to do is I want us to pick up in verse 26 of Jeremiah chapter 32. **“Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah saying...,” (Jeremiah 32:26)** and this is gonna be our key verse for all this week, and you’re going to learn such awesome, awesome things, Beloved, not only about Jeremiah, not only about God, but truths that God has laid down in the Old Testament so that you in turn, who are living after the cross, might know who God is and that you might know that He does not change, because He is a covenant-keeping God and you and I can trust Him. So **“...The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, ‘Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh...,’”** and then He asks a question: **“...Is there anything too difficult for Me?” (Jeremiah 32:26-27)** And this is what you need to think of in every difficulty, whether it’s of your own making or somebody else’s making, every trial, you just need to stop. You need to say, “God, You have said that You are the Lord, that You are the God of all flesh. You asked is there anything too difficult for You, and the answer of course is no.” It’s no because He is God. And what you find following that is a “therefore”. And when you see a “therefore” you want to know what the “therefore” is there for. Now I hope that you have gone to “preceptsforlife.com” and there that you have found out about our study guides. I hope you’re studying along with us, because I promise you that in the future God will take these truths and He will bring them to your remembrance and you’ll be able to say, “He’s the Lord. He’s the God of all flesh. There’s nothing too difficult for Him.” (See Jeremiah 32:27) Our purpose is to show you how to discover truth for yourself. Last night I sat on the bed and I read a lot of comments

that came into our website. And people saying “Oh, my wife and I are meeting every morning. We are studying with you. Ah, we are learning how to study. I never knew that I could know the word of God like this. Oh, this is not hard. This is simple, but the Word of God is coming alive for me for the first time.” What we do in that study guide is we teach you the way to study, the way to read your Bible, to slow down and read it and to mark it. And one of the things that we tell you to look for are terms of conclusion. When you see a “therefore” you want to find out what the “therefore” is there for. And what I do is I put three dots over a “therefore” in the outline of a triangle. And so it says **“Therefore thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I am about to give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans...,’** Chaldeans, Babylonians, one in the same, **“...and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar...of Babylon, and he will take it.” (Jeremiah 32:28)** Well He’s just told him to buy the land (See Jeremiah 32:7) and now He’s telling him again that I want you to know what I’m going to do. This land is going to be captured by the king of Babylon. In fact, He says, **“The Chaldeans who are fighting against this city will enter [the city] set [the] city on fire and burn it, with the houses where people have offered incense to Baal on their roofs and poured out drink offerings to other gods to provoke Me [for] anger.” (Jeremiah 32:29)** So what have the people done? The people have gone to their rooftops and they have stood there and they are worshiping Baal, a false god. They’re pouring out the offerings to Baal in the midst of what they think is the heavens and they forget that above the heavens is the throne of God. And so God says, “You know, I can’t tolerate this,” because He’s God, because He’s righteous, because He’s just and because He is holy. He cannot do this. He says, **“‘Indeed the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah have [only] been doing...evil in My sight from their youth; for the sons of Israel have [only been] provoking Me to anger by the work of their hands,’ declares the LORD. Indeed this city [which] has been...a provocation of My**

anger and My wrath....,” now listen to this, **“from the day...they built it....” (Jeremiah 32:30-31)** From the day they built it, he says, this sin has gone on and on and on and on and on. This is not something new. This is something that’s been going on for a long time. And one of the lessons that you and I can see is: Judgment does not always come immediately. God wants us to repent. God wants us to turn around. And so God will speak to us and speak to us and speak to us, as possibly He’s speaking to you today, as possibly He is saying to you, “Now listen, I’ve been speaking to you over and over and over again. And listen, I’m about to act. I am about to act.” But if He acts in your life and you are truly a child of God, it is for your redemption. He’s taking you to the woodshed and He is going to chasten you. But that chastening is so that He might present you holy to the Lord. (See Hebrews 12:7-10) This is what Hebrews 12 tells us. So now watch what He says. **“Indeed this city has been...a provocation of My anger....” (Jeremiah 32:31)** Verse 32, **“Because of all the evil [that] the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah which they have done to provoke Me to anger—they...,”** now watch, **“...their kings...,” (Jeremiah 32:32)** and He starts right at the top. The kings for us would be our political leaders; it would be our President. It says, **“...Their leaders, their priests, their prophets....” (Jeremiah 32:32)** So He starts right at the top. He starts with the kings and the rulers. Then He goes to the leaders and then He goes to the priests and He gets into, so to speak, the house of God. Then He goes to those that are on television, radio—not in those days, but are prophesying and declaring themselves prophets. I think: Don’t go around calling yourself prophet so and so or prophetess so and so. Let God do that. And I tell you anyone that’s calling themselves prophetess so and so, “I’m prophet so and so,” I would be very wary of them. And He says, and **“...the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,”** of My holy city. **“They have turned their back to Me...,”** they’ve turned their back to Me, **“...and not their face; though I taught them, teaching them again and again, [and] they**

would not listen and receive instruction.” (Jeremiah 32:32-33) Oh Beloved, listen. The “therefore” of the judgment and the destruction of the city is because they would not listen, although God spoke and spoke and spoke and spoke. So if you’re in a difficulty and that difficulty is of your own making, because you would not listen, because you would not receive God’s instruction, because you would not turn around and do what you should do, because you turned your back on God and you walked away, He says, “Listen, listen, don’t do that. Don’t do that. Yes, **“... I am the LORD, [I am] the God of all flesh; [and there is nothing] too difficult for Me.”** (Jeremiah 32:27) I judge. I wound. I heal. I kill. I make alive. I am the Lord that does all those things. This is what He says in Deuteronomy. (See Deuteronomy 32:39) And so then He goes on to say, **“But they put their detestable things in the house...,”** of the LORD, **“...which is called by My name, to defile it.”** (Jeremiah 32:34) He says they took these idols, these idols, they were standing on the rooftop worshipping Baal and they took those idols and those images and they carried them into My house, to My temple. You say, well, the temple no longer exists. That’s right. And do you know why? Because of the judgment of God. But it’s going to be built again. But there is another temple that exists today. In 1 Corinthians 6 God says [What? Know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you? This is if you’re a Christian. You’re not your own. You’ve been bought with a price.] (PARAPHRASE 1 Corinthians 6:19-20) So let me ask you a question. What idols have you carried into God’s temple today? What have you allowed to come into God’s house? These hands, these eyes, this mouth, this body belong to God. What are you doing with your hands? What are you doing with your eyes? What are you saying with your mouth, Beloved? O Beloved, listen to me very carefully. If you are a child of God, this is His temple and you cannot defile the temple because God will have to judge you. We’ll look at it when we come back—along with the solution.

PART TWO

Israel was in a difficulty of their own making, and they were in a difficulty of their own making because they had not kept God's law, because they had worshiped other idols. In Exodus chapter 20 where the Ten Commandments are laid out the very first one is this **"I am the LORD...."** (Exodus 20:2) And, **"You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself...any [graven image of anything of the] likeness...in [the heavens] above...on the earth beneath or...under the earth. You shall not worship...,**" or bow down to them because I'm **"...the LORD [and I'm] a jealous God...."** (Exodus 20:3-5) There is only one God. Now they also took those idols into the house of God and defiled the house of God. So fast forward to your day and to my day. Are you and I in a difficulty of our own making? Maybe you're hooked on pornography. Maybe you are in financial trouble because, now listen, not because you didn't sow a seed, but maybe you're in financial trouble because you're taking all your monies and you're spending them on you and you're not spending them on the work of the Lord and you're just heaping up treasures; treasures that are going to be destroyed, and you're not laying up treasures in heaven. So in all these things you need to examine yourselves. What has gotten between you and God? What has kept you from the Word of God? What has kept you from worshiping God? What has kept you from walking in obedience to God? Well He talks about the temple. You and I just saw that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and that we, everything in this temple, is to say "holy" to God. This is what is so important, and I would suggest that after the program that you read 1 Corinthians chapter 6 and you just go through that chapter very, very carefully. At the first you're gonna wonder what's going on, because he's talking about going to court. But right after that he hits sin and he hits it full in the face and he says [and don't be deceived if this is your lifestyle you're really not born again.] (PARAPHRASE, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10) And then he talks about this body is His temple. (See 1

Corinthians 6:19) Well let's go on. In Jeremiah 32:35 **"They built the high places of Baal that are in the valley of Ben-hinnom to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech...."** (Jeremiah 32:35) They were worshiping this false god and what they would do is Molech had a huge statue with a huge hole and they would take their children and there was fire in the inside and they would take their children and offer them to that god, Molech. Maybe you're in a difficulty Beloved, because you've had an abortion. Oh Beloved, oh Beloved, what do you do? You come back to God because He is the God of all flesh and there is nothing too difficult for Him (See Jeremiah 32:27) and He can redeem you. So now watch what he says. He says, **"...[They offered] their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech, which I had not commanded them nor had it entered My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin."** (Jeremiah 32:35) Now remember I said sometimes the difficulty is of somebody else's making. And in the United States of America we suffer because of the decisions of presidents and government officials. We suffer because the church hasn't been what it should have been, because the priests and the prophets are not handling the Word of God. They're not even doing anything with the Word of God. They're just talking to you about being prosperous and about you being happy and about you finding the good in everybody and you waking up and having a joyous attitude. Well listen to me very carefully. If you have sinned you should not wake up in joy. You should wake up in tears of repentance. You should regret it deeply. You should say, "I have wounded a holy God." And then you'll see God come to your defense. And then he says, **"Now therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning this city of which you say, 'It is given into the hand of the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine...by pestilence,'"** (Jeremiah 32:36) God's three judgments as we have seen. He says, **"Behold..."** now watch. Here's the hope. **"...I will gather them out of all the lands [in]to which I have**

driven them in My anger...and in great indignation; and I will bring them back...and make them dwell in safety....I will be their God [they will be My people.]” (Jeremiah 32:37-38) Do you see? He starts off and He says **“...I am the LORD [I am] the God of all flesh; is there anything too difficult for Me?” (Jeremiah 32:27)** I’m going to bring judgment because you’ve sinned against Me. And He talks about the judgment. But then because He’s God, because He’s merciful, because He’s righteous, because He’s a God of lovingkindness, “hesed,” because His mercies are new every morning, because He is a covenant-keeping God, then He says “I will restore.” (See Jeremiah 32:37) And that’s why God has you listening. God has you listening because He wants you to understand He can restore. He’s the God of all flesh. He says **“...I will bring them back to this place and make them dwell in safety.” (Jeremiah 32:37)** He says **“...I will be their God [and they will be My people.]” (Jeremiah 32:38)** **“...I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me always...,” (Jeremiah 32:40)** Respect Me, honor Me, trust Me, is what it means, **“...for their own good and for the good for the good of their children after them.” (Jeremiah 32:38)** He says, **“I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good...I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so...they will not turn away from Me. I will rejoice over them to do them good and will faithfully plant them in [the] land with all My heart and with all My soul.” (Jeremiah 32:40-41)** Remember in Jeremiah chapter 1, God had told Jeremiah [I’ve touched your mouth. You are My prophet and you are going to go and you are going to speak to the nations and you are going to tear down and you are going to uproot. You are going to destroy. But you’re also going to build and you’re also going to plant.] (PARAPHRASE Jeremiah 1:9-10) And so we see the tearing down because of sin. But we see the building and the replanting. He says **“For thus says the LORD, ‘Just as I brought...this great disaster on this people, so I am going to bring...all the good that I am promising**

them.’” (Jeremiah 32:42) God is faithful to His Word. That’s what He says in Jeremiah chapter 1. He says [I watch over My word to fulfill it.] (PARAPHRASE, Jeremiah 1:12) If God promises, then God will fulfill that promise. He says **“Fields will be bought in this land of which you say, ‘It is a desolation, without man or beast; it’s given into the hand of the Chaldeans.’” (Jeremiah 32:43)** He says **“Men will buy fields for money, sign and seal deeds...,” (Jeremiah 32:44)** just as Jeremiah did. Remember he bought the property. (See Jeremiah 32:7-14) He sealed the deed. He put it in a stone jar. **“...And will call in witnesses in the land of Benjamin....” (Jeremiah 32:44)** And remember the witnesses came in even to the court of the guard house and they saw the sealing and they witnessed this. And he says, **“...in the environs of Jerusalem, in the cities of Judah, in the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland...in the cities of the Negev...,”** now catch this, **“‘...for I will restore their fortunes,’ declares the LORD.” (Jeremiah 32:44)** He’s not talking about monetarily. He’s talking about all the blessings, the blessings of family, the blessings of relationship, the fortune of being at peace, of having your enemies not attack you. O Beloved, He’s the LORD. Is there anything too difficult for Him? (See Jeremiah 32:27)