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**TUESDAY**

**OPEN**

Have you ever found yourself in a situation where all of a sudden you felt the prompting of the Holy Spirit because what was being said was wrong? Or because they were talking about things, and they didn't know what the Word of God had to say? But you couldn't open your mouth, you stood there, and you thought, "Who am I? I am liable to blow it. I better not do this." O Beloved, what encouragement you are going to get today from the book of Jeremiah.

**PART ONE**

Welcome, Precious One, to our study on the book of Jeremiah. You say, "Hey, wait a minute. I'm a man, and you're calling me precious?" Do you know what? God called Daniel the prophet precious. He said, **"...You are precious in my sight...."** (Isaiah 43:4) So know this, that as we begin this study on Jeremiah, God is talking to you as a very precious man or woman

of God. Young, middle-aged, or old, God has a message for you. And God has a call on your life. All this week we're looking at the call of "Jeremiahs" for today, an elite force of people, elite because you are willing to suffer. Now listen, when God called Jeremiah in the thirteenth year of Josiah, which we saw in our last program. When He called him, He let him know it's not going to be easy. Now if you've done your homework, and I hope that you went to "[Preceptsforlife](#)" and downloaded that study guide. But if you have done your homework then you know this. You know that this first chapter of Jeremiah is all about God's call on a man who is to be part of the fulfillment of the prophecy that he speaks. And by the way, [God has spoken to us, in these last days, through His Son.] (PARAPHRASE, Hebrews 1:2) And He shut His mouth. This is it. Everything in this Bible is everything that you will need until you see Jesus face-to-face, until He comes as **"...‘KING OF KINDS, AND LORD OF LORDS.’"** (Revelation 19:16) So know that, okay? [Don't add to His words lest He reprove you.] (PARAPHRASE, Proverbs 30:6) So we're seeing what God told Jeremiah to say. And Jeremiah, as we talked about, is actually going to be there for the fulfillment of this prophecy, and not only that, but the prophetic curse that was going to come upon Israel and you can read about it in Deuteronomy chapter 28, that was going to come upon Israel if they disobeyed God, if they did not obey His commandments. (See Deuteronomy 28:15-68) God wants us to turn around, to repent, to return to him, and live the way we ought to live. And so He sends us His Word to do that. Now how was He doing it in those days? Because remember, they didn't have printing presses. He was doing it through a mouth of a live prophet. Jeremiah chapter 1, verse 4, **"Now the Word of the LORD came to me...."** (Jeremiah 1:4) Jeremiah is speaking. And I ask you to just go through this chapter and color code every reference to "[Jeremiah](#)". Now I'm not asking you to do that through the whole book, but it's very important in this first chapter as we establish the fundamental truths of this book, as we put it into context, as we get to know who

Jeremiah is. **“Now the Word of the LORD came to me saying, ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you....’” (Jeremiah 1:4-5)** In other words, before that sperm and that egg met in the womb of your mother, I want you to know that I knew you. And you know what? You can know that the same thing is true about you. Psalm 139 says that [God formed me in my mother’s womb. He numbered my days when as yet there was not one of them.] (PARAPHRASE, Psalm 139:13, 16) God knew you, according to Ephesians 1, [He called you, He blessed you before the foundation of the earth, He chose you in Christ Jesus.] (PARAPHRASE, Ephesians 1:4) He knows you. He’s God. He’s omniscient. He’s all-knowing. And it says, **“‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you....’” (Jeremiah 1:5)** Now one of the things that we teach you is when you study the Word of God to savor the words, to slow down, to mark anything that tells you who or what, or when, or where, or why, or how. So we tell you draw a green circle, like the shape of a clock over every “reference to time.” So you would have “before” with a green circle in the first line. **“‘...Before...,’** again, **“‘...you were born I consecrated you....,’” (Jeremiah 1:5)** you would circle that. He says, **“‘...I...,’”** God is speaking, **“‘...have appointed you a prophet to the nations.’” (Jeremiah 1:5)** I’ve got a job for you. And that job is although you are a priest, although you’re the son of Hilkiah, although you live in Anathoth, the land of Benjamin, I have a call for you. It has to do with Jerusalem. It has to do with Judah. And I want you to know you are going to be a prophet to the nations. Now a prophet was a messenger for God. A prophet was a spokesman for God. And you are going to see that there are true prophets and then there are self-appointed prophets. In other words, they decide they want to be a prophet, they want to speak for God. And you usually get what they think about God. That’s why it’s important for you to know the Word of God. He says, **“[And] then I said, ‘Alas, Lord GOD! ...I [I I I don’t] know how to speak...I [I I’m] a youth.’”** And God says, “Now

wait a minute.” “**...Do not say, “I am a youth,” because everywhere I send you, you shall go....” (Jeremiah 1:6-7)** In other words, if I say, “Okay, Jeremiah, get on your feet! Now this is where I want you to go and when you get there, when I send you there, I want you to say what I want you to say. And if I tell you, ‘Hey, I want you to go over here,’ then I want you to know that when you get there, you’re to say what I tell you to say. It doesn’t matter that you are a youth, doesn’t matter that you don’t know how to speak. You are my spokesman.” Now do you remember how we opened this program today? We opened it up with you being in situation where all of a sudden what was being said needed the addition of the Word of God. It needed the infusion of truth into it. It needed to be spoken to. They needed to understand that there is a God and what God’s saying. Or there needed to be a rebuke. There needed to a reproof. And so you were to speak for God. I’ve got to tell you, I turned on Oprah, I never watch television during the day. But I was in the kitchen, and I turned on Oprah and I just felt like I was to do that. And I turned it on, I was so horrified, so absolutely horrified, at what was on at four o’clock Eastern Standard Time. I came into the middle of the program and it was called “Sex 101.” They were talking so blatantly, and interviewing this couple. And it just absolutely disgusted me. I went to the phone in the kitchen, I hit the button. I called my friend Jan Silvius. She wasn’t there, and I just let a tirade go on her answering service. We’ve got to do something. We’ve got to speak out. People have to understand that we are destroying ourselves from the inside. Jeremiah is going to light your fire, Precious One. And you are going to say to God, “God, it doesn’t matter that I’m a youth. It doesn’t matter that I don’t know how to speak.” Because, **“Faithful is He [who calls] you, who [will also] do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:24, KJV)** So now let’s go back to the text in Jeremiah. And as we go back to the text, this is what I want us to see, he is saying, “I can’t do it.” God’s saying, “Yes, you can.” And He says, **“...All that I command[ed] you, you shall speak.” (Jeremiah 1:7)** Now this is why we are studying the

Bible inductively. We're studying Bible inductively. Inductively means you go straight to the Word of God yourself. You don't go through a commentary. You don't go through a teacher. You go straight to the Word of God yourself. And that's what this program is all about. And I want to thank you for supporting it. I want you to know that a day does not go by, but what people are saying, "At last I found it. At last I've discovered this ministry." And it's "[preceptsforlife.com](http://preceptsforlife.com)," and you can connect with us. And just tell them that you're listening to the program and you want to get tuned in. You want to get plugged in, all right? So, He's saying, **"...And all that I command you, you shall speak."** And then He makes this statement, **"Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you...."** (Jeremiah 1:7-8) Do fear is not to be an equation. You can tremble, but don't let fear shut you down. He says, **"Then the LORD stretched out His hand...touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, 'Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. [I have put my words in your mouth.] See, I have appointed you this day....'"** Now watch this, watch the breadth of this, **"...over the nations and over the kingdoms...."** (Jeremiah 1:9-10) I'm not just sending you to your own people, but I have appointed you over. Let's say that the chair, just imagine I'm sitting in a chair. I stand up. I'm over the chair. So the chair is like the nation, and He is saying, "I, Almighty God, have appointed you down here on earth, who's a youth, who doesn't know how to speak, who is a priest and not a prophet. I've called you as a prophet. I've called you as my spokesman. I've called you." And it's not that God is calling you as a prophet as many people build themselves as prophets. But He is saying, "I've called you as My messenger to give My Word." Now the question is, will you do it? We'll talk more about it, but don't miss this next announcement.

## **PART TWO**

Welcome back. I am so excited about what we are studying in Jeremiah. Do you know why? Because Jeremiah is not just the message of a prophet to the nations, but it is a message for you and me to take and to adapt to our lives. Remember God is looking for an elite force of Jeremiahs? So what does He say to Jeremiah? He is telling him what He has planned for Jeremiah. Well Ephesians chapter 2, verse 10 tells us that [God knows what He has planned for you.] (PARAPHRASE, Ephesians 2:10) In Ephesians chapter 2, 8 and 9, He tells you how you become a child of God. It's all grace. (See Ephesians 2:8-9) It doesn't matter who you were. As a matter of fact, He said you were a sinner. You were helpless. You were ungodly, and you were an enemy of God (See Romans 5:10) But then I brought you to Myself. And when He brings you to Himself, through grace, not anything you earn, not anything that you deserve. [And God chooses the base things, and the things that are despised, and the things that are nothing, so that no flesh can glory in His presence.] (PARAPHRASE, 1 Corinthians 1:27-29) Then what God does is He takes us, and He transforms us through His Word, and He uses us to serve Him. So Ephesians 2:10 says, **"...we are His workmanship, created..."**, where? **"...In Christ Jesus..."**, under what? **"...Good works [that] God [has before ordained for us to] walk in...."** (Ephesians 2:10) So as we study Jeremiah, study him carefully. Get to know him and watch as he reveals his pain, and his sorrow, and the restrictions that God puts on him. But know this, he is God's man for the hour. You and I are God's men and women for this hour. And don't you say, "No, not me." I will tell you, the only way you can say is no, not me is because you don't know Jesus Christ. Because you have not believed in the Messiah, the One who came to take away your sins and to give you forgiveness of sins, and to put His Spirit within, and use you. So, and and and if you're listening that's 'cause God's saying, "C'mere, c'mere. I want you to know." And we're going to talk about this later this week. But you don't have to walk after emptiness, your

life does not have to be empty. God has a wonderful plan for you. As a matter of fact, later on in Jeremiah, He's going to say, ["I know the thoughts that I have for you, they are not thoughts of evil, but they are thoughts of good, to give you a future and a hope."] (PARAPHRASE, Jeremiah 29:11) God knows, and you are precious in His sight. Well let's get in to Jeremiah chapter 1 again, verse 10. God is saying to him, **"...I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, To pluck up and to break down...."** (Jeremiah 1:10) Let me illustrate that. I have appointed you because I want to use you with these nations to pluck up, to tear down. ["I'm going to use you with these nations," He says, "To destroy, to overthrow. You're going to pronounce judgments on nations that are going to destroy them, that are literally going to overthrow them."] (PARAPHRASE, Jeremiah 1:10) Let me ask you a question, does what's going on in the Middle East interest you? Does it concern you? It ought to interest you. It ought to concern you because the Bible is going to focus on this. Does what is happening in Iraq seem strange to you? Well, God has something to say about Iraq because Iraq is Babylon. Does Iran concern you? Oh, well it's mentioned in the Word of God. Does Ethiopia concern you? Well it's mentioned in the Word of God. What about Turkey? What about Russia? It's all there. It's all there, and you are going to learn it. So Jeremiah is going to know what's going to happen to the nations over the kingdoms. But not only is he going to pronounce this judgment and understand what's going to happen, but he also is saying to them **"...to build and to plant."** (Jeremiah 1:10) So I'm going to use you to construct and to help build nations and to plant. So it's not all just a tear down. And we have to know that as we go and we speak for God. God is holy. God is righteous. God is going to bring judgment, but God has also got a plan. [A plan to build, a plan to plant.] (PARAPHRASE, Jeremiah 1:10) And then it says, **"The word of the LORD came to me saying, 'What do you see, Jeremiah?' And I said, 'I see [the] rod of an almond tree.' Then the**

**LORD said to me, ‘You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it.’”(Jeremiah 1:11-12)** Now you only can appreciate this in the Hebrew. And I don’t know Hebrew, but He does a play on words. And that play on words is using two Hebrew words that sound the same. And what He’s saying is, [“Okay, I want you to know, the bottom line is this, whether you understand Hebrew or not, if I speak it’s going to happen. If I say something it’s going to come to pass. I watch over my word to perform it.] (PARAPHRASE, Jeremiah 1:12) And actually that what’s going to happen in the book of Jeremiah. All these prophecies that have led up to this time are finally going to come to pass. So he says verse 13, **“The word of the LORD came to me a second time saying, ‘What do you see?’ And I said, ‘I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north.’”(Jeremiah 1:13)** Now if it’s a boiling pot, and the north would be over my shoulder, then the pot is headed towards my knees, towards my toes. And he says, so here’s a pot in the north, and it’s headed toward the south. It’s headed toward Jerusalem. He says, **“[And] then the LORD said to me, ‘Out of the north...evil will break forth on all the inhabitants of the land.’”** What land? The land where he is living. **““For, behold, I am calling all the families of the kingdoms of the north,’ declares the LORD; ‘and they will come and...set each one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against...its walls round about and against all the cities of Judah.’”** (Jeremiah 1:14-15) In other words, “Hey, I am bringing judgment. I am bringing nations against you. And they are all coming under the ones that have conquered which are the Babylons.” You say, “But Babylon’s Iraq.” That’s right. “Well, that’s to the east.” Yes, it’s to the east, but you know how they have to get there? They have to go north over the desert and then come down toward Jerusalem, so that when they come toward Jerusalem they’re coming from the north. [So it’s a boiling pot from the north that is coming against Jerusalem.] (PARAPHRASE, Jeremiah 1:13) If you look at the map, you can see it. And you need to look at a map of the land so that



you understand it. And then he says this, “[And] **‘I will pronounce My judgments on them concerning all their wickedness...,’**”(Jeremiah 1:16)

I’m going to bring this enemy down and I’m going to pronounce my judgments on them. Them whom? Them, inhabitants of the land of Jerusalem. So I’m doing it to the Jews. He says, “**...whereby they have forsaken Me and have offered sacrifices to other gods....**” Now one of the words we want you to mark is “idols.” So another god is an idol.

**“...And [they worship] the works of their...hands.” (Jeremiah 1:16)**

They have done three things that are wrong. Now think about these three things. Number one, they’ve forsaken God. Let’s just take the United States of America. Have we forsaken God? Oh, yes. I’ll tell you more about it in our next program. Number two, have we worshipped the works? Have we offered sacrifices to other gods? Oh, yes. One of the gods we’ve offered sacrifices to is, we’ve given our bodies to immorality. We’ve given our bodies to abortions. And third, we have worshipped the works of our hands. We don’t have time for God because we are too busy, entangled with the affairs of this life. Hey, we are in trouble, and God needs you.