

Jeremiah: Torn Down to Build Up

A Bible Study with the Francis Asbury Society

SESSION 10

Jeremiah 17–18

1. What is said about the human heart in Jeremiah 17:1, 9–10? How do these thoughts go together?

2. What are the opposite effects of trusting in man and trusting in Yahweh (Jer 17:5-8)? Why?

3. How does verse 11 follow from verse 10?

4. Note that in Jeremiah 7:1-26, Jeremiah is rebuking them for something they *are* doing (temple worship) and here for what they *are not* doing (Sabbath observance). Why did they like to do the one and not like to do the other? Why do you think Sabbath obedience was so important? Is it still? Why or why not?

5. What is the "moral" of the illustration of the potter (Jer 18:1-12)? (Compare to Ezek 18:1–18). Why will the people not repent (Jer 11–12)?

6. Why do you think the people of Judah "changed gods" (v 15)? What was it about worship of Yahweh that was distasteful to them (and still is today)?

7. What about Jeremiah's prayer in 18:19–23? Jesus says to pray for our enemies. Why did the Holy Spirit allow this in the Bible?