

God's Work in the Lives of His People  
*'I will be your God, you will be my people'*  
**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

I would like to speak to you this morning about the Gospel. Today's text is **Jeremiah 31:31-34 (page 660)**. While you are finding this passage, let me say several things about the Gospel and how it relates to each one of us in this room. Everyone in this room needs to hear this message this morning...beginning with myself!

- Man or Woman.
- Married or Single.
- Elderly or Young person.
- Whether you have a career or are still studying.
- Employed or Unemployed.
- Whether things in your life are going well or not.
- Believer or Unbeliever alike....Everyone needs to hear this message!

**What is the Gospel?** I know some of you have been studying this during the ABF hour during the Summer Institutes....*The Gospel is the message of good news that the One and Only Holy God, who is the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and who alone is authoritative over all things, and to Whom each of us must give an account, has provided for the salvation of rebellious, sinful, lost people through the perfect life, death, burial, resurrection and ascension of His One and Only Son, Jesus, who, through His death on the cross, paid for the sin of anyone who will, by faith alone, turn from their sin and submit their life to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. This message is not a general message; it is a personal message from a personal God which requires a personal response.*

**Have you responded to the Gospel?** It is possible that you are in this room this morning having heard this message before....once or many times over. You might even be able to recite this set of facts to others flawlessly. However, you find yourself here having never responded personally to the work that the Living God has accomplished through His One and Only Son, Jesus for the sin which is deeply offensive to Him. I would invite you to get off the fence...to be decisive about the Gospel...and come to Jesus today!

You might be sitting there thinking, *"I have already believed the Gospel, why do I need to hear it again?!"*

**Does the believer need the Gospel?** The Gospel is extremely important to those of us who have personally responded to the message of good news that Jesus saves sinful men through His life, death, burial, resurrection and ascension back into heaven!

**Some ways the believer needs the Gospel:**

- The Gospel declares to the believer the God who created us, and to Whom we are accountable;
- The Gospel proclaims to the believer that we are not self-sufficient;
- The Gospel announces to the believer that we have sinned, are sinning and will continue to sin against the One who created us;

- The Gospel makes known to the believer the glorious news that once and available to all, the Holy God, who is self-sufficient, has chosen, by His mercy and grace, to save a people for Himself, through the merits of His one and only Son, Jesus Christ.
- The Gospel teaches the believer that Jesus Christ is the one and only way by which he has reconciliation with his Creator/Owner;
- The Gospel reminds the believer of the immense love of God which moved Him to send His One and Only Son into the world to take his place and pay for his sin;
- The Gospel causes the believer to daily stand in awe that God is **MY** God and I am one of His people!
- The Gospel gives the believer great clarity with regard to the purpose of the church;
- The Gospel motivates the believer, out of a deep love and gratitude to His Savior and Lord, to seek ways he can be serving Him in the church.
- The Gospel gives the believer the message he/she is to take to those who don't yet know the LORD;
- The Gospel affirms how people from different backgrounds, cultures, socio-economic levels, careers can come together and share anything in common;
- The Gospel announces the believer's foundation for entering boldly before the throne of grace, the veil which has been torn;
- The Gospel is a continual reminder that my sins are forgiven and will be remembered **NO MORE** by the One to Whom I will give an account of my life.
- The Gospel is the source of the blessed hope that the believer has of one day being with the One who loved us and gave Himself for us.

### **Jeremiah's Theme –**

God's judgment will come upon unfaithfulness to His covenant and God will establish an international people for His name through a new covenant.

### **Summary of today's message outline (Jeremiah 31:31-34):**

- Man's need for reconciliation with God, **vv 31-32**
  - Man's need for the law from God, **vv. 33a**
  - Man's need for intervention from God, **vv. 33b**
  - Man's need for the forgiveness of God, **vv. 34**
- A.** Man's need for reconciliation with God, **vv 31-32**
- a. The Old Covenant had been broken

<b>Old Covenant</b>	<b>New Covenant</b>
Works	Grace
Works of Adam	Work of Christ
Repeatedly broken	Perfectly kept
Repeated sacrifice	Once and for all sacrifice
Blood of animals – offered by a human priest	blood of Jesus Christ
Falls short of God’s glory	Perfectly fulfills God’s expectation
Law written on tablets of stone	Law written on the heart of individuals
Law shows me my sin	Law points me to Christ
NO sins taken away	Sins forgiven – remembered NO more!

**Deuteronomy 7:7, 8**

<sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

<sup>8</sup> but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

b. The promises Israel had been broken

**Exodus 19:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine;

<sup>6</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

**Exodus 19:8**

<sup>8</sup> All the people answered together and said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

c. The relationship with God and His people had been broken.

Genesis 3:9-11

Genesis 4:16

Genesis 6:5-6

John 13:30

**B. Man's need for the law from God, vv. 33a**

**God's Law**

**The teaching of God, designed for the good of His creation, which reveals what God expects, both in attitude and action.**

- a. The LORD will put His law within them
- b. The LORD will write it on their hearts

***"It is essential to declare the commandments in order to show the sinner his heart of hatred toward God and enmity toward men. Only then will he flee to the grace of God in Jesus Christ to provide him with righteousness and love."***  
Walter Chantry

**C. Man's need for intervention from God, vv. 33b**

To appreciate this truth to a greater degree we must understand...

- a. Our original relationship to God...
  - i. It was PERFECT!
  - ii. God had provided EVERYTHING we needed;
  - iii. God created us to live forever;
  - iv. God's fellowship was sweet!
- b. Our present relationship to God;
  - i. It is broken!
  - ii. We are looking for satisfaction outside of our Creator...and **NOT** finding it!
  - iii. We are frustrated objects of God's righteous anger!
- c. The punishment our sin deserves from God;
  - i. Eternal destruction (Matt. 7:13)
  - ii. Away from the presence of the LORD (2 Thess. 1:9)
  - iii. Darkness, weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matt. 8:12)
  - iv. Fiery furnace (Matt. 13:42, 50)
- d. The rebellious nature of our hearts. (Jeremiah 17:9)
  - i. Deceitful above all things (Jer. 17:9)
  - ii. Desperately sick (Jer. 17:9)
  - iii. Source of evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander (Matt. 15:19)
  - iv. Foolish, darkened (Romans 1:21)

***"It isn't enough to change environment, for the heart of every problem is the problem of the heart."***

Warren Wiersbe

D. Man's need for the forgiveness of God, **vv. 34**

**a. What is forgiveness?**

To NOT have our violation of God's law held against us because my debt has been PAID IN FULL by Someone who had the ability to perfectly fulfill God's law on my behalf.

**b. Why do I need it?**

We are dead in our trespasses and sins

We are guilty!

We are HELPLESS to do anything about it!

God is the ONLY One who has the satisfactory solution.

**c. How is it obtained?**

Understanding that

- The LORD is my righteousness...the one and only way! (Jer. 33:14-16)
- The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin. (1 John 1:7)
- Forgiveness can be received by responding by faith alone in the LORD Jesus Christ alone.
- "God be merciful to me, a sinner!" (Luke 18:13)

**Your response**

- Hear and fear
- Turn and receive
- Rejoice and be glad
- Be active while waiting with great anticipation

What follows is a background outline presented on 7/7/2010 at the Wednesday Evening (6:45pm) KSBC Prayer Meeting. Each week an overview of a different the Bible is being presented in this format. If you aren't a regular attendee, I want to encourage you to think about the importance of gathering together with fellow believers at mid-week to hear God's word and to pray with and for one another.

‘Everything Written About Me’  
A Book by Book Survey of the Old Testament  
*‘I will be your God, you will be my people’*

## **Jeremiah**

**Theme** - General message and how the book relates to the Bible:

God’s judgment will come upon unfaithfulness to His covenant and God will establish an international people for His name through a new covenant.

**Outline of Jeremiah** - Overall flow of the message

- A. Call of Jeremiah (1)
  
- B. Conditions in Jeremiah’s time (2-45)
  - Judah Condemned (2-29)
  - Judah Consoled (30-33)
  - Judah’s Calamity (34-45)
  
- C. Condemnation of the Nations (46-51)
  
- D. Culmination of Covenant Unfaithfulness (Jerusalem’s Fall) (52)

**Foundations: The relationship of Jeremiah to the rest of Scripture:**

1. Jeremiah declares the sovereign God who calls, equips, sends and accompanies His servant: **1:4-19, 29:1-10**
  
2. Jeremiah describes the sinfulness of humanity: **17:9, 10**
  
3. Jeremiah delineates how God will be faithful to the covenant He has made with His people: **Jer. 23:3-6**
  
4. Jeremiah delivers the good news that in the future God will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah (**31:31-34**) and that in the coming of the Messiah, he will ‘remember their sins no more!’