

Man Of Jeremiah 5 Knows

Intro: Jeremiah is challenged by God to go through Jerusalem and see if he can find a man; Jer. 5:1 “¹ Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be *any* that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.” There are certain things that a man must know to be the type of man God desires. Let us notice some of these things he must know.

I. KNOWS THE WILL OF GOD

A. His character.

B. He is a living God.

1. Jer. 5:2 “² And though they say, The LORD liveth; surely they swear falsely.”
2. He sees (both inside and outside);
 - a. Jer. 5:3 “³ O LORD, *are* not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, *but* they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.”
 - b. Pro. 15:3 “³ The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.”
3. He hears;
 - a. Jer. 5:12-14 “¹² They have belied the LORD, and said, *It is* not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine: ¹³ And the prophets shall become wind, and the word *is* not in them: thus shall it be done unto them. ¹⁴ Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.”
 - b. Mat. 6:6 “⁶ But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.”
4. 1 Pet. 3:12 “¹² For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.”

C. He is a loving God.

1. By providing.
 - a. Jer. 5:7 “⁷ How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by *them that are* no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots’ houses.”
 - b. Psa. 37:25 “²⁵ I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.”
2. By keeping life going.
 - a. Jer. 5:24 “²⁴ Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.”
 - b. Col. 1:17 “¹⁷ And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”
 - c. Heb. 1:3 “³ Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;”
3. By pardoning.
 - a. Jer. 5:1, 7 “¹ Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be *any* that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it. . . . ⁷ How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by *them that are* no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots’ houses.”

- b. Rom. 5:8 ⁴⁸“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”
- c. Eph. 1:7 ⁴⁷“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”

D. He is longsuffering.

1. Because He is loving.
 - a. 1 Cor. 13:4 ⁴⁴“Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up;”
 - b. 1 John 4:8, 16 ⁴⁸“He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.... ¹⁶And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.”
2. He has withheld judgment.
 - a. Exo. 34:6 ⁴⁶“And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth;”
 - b. Rom. 2:4 ⁴⁴“Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?”
 - c. 1 Pet. 3:9 ⁴⁹“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”
3. Yet, He warns.
 - a. Jer. 5:9 ⁴⁹“Shall I not visit for these *things*? saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?”
 - b. Jer. 5:29 ²⁹“Shall I not visit for these *things*? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?”

II. THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN.

A. The consequences of sin come as a result of God’s character.

B. Separation

1. Jer. 5:25 ²⁵“Your iniquities have turned away these *things*, and your sins have withholden good *things* from you.”
2. Isa. 59:1-2 ⁴¹“Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: ²But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.”
3. Jam. 1:14-15 ¹⁴“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. ¹⁵Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”

C. Suffering and Slaughter

1. Jer. 5:17 ¹⁷“And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, *which* thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword.”
2. Jer. 5:6, 16 ⁴⁶“Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, *and* a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, *and* their backslidings are increased.... ¹⁶Their quiver *is* as an open sepulchre, they *are* all mighty men.”
3. 1 Pet. 3:17 ¹⁷“For *it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.”
4. It is reaping what we have sown; Gal. 6:7-8 ⁴⁷“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. ⁸For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”

D. Greatest consequence is eternal separation.

1. Mat. 13:40-42 ⁴⁰“As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. ⁴¹The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom

all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; ⁴² And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

2. Mat. 25:30, 41, 46 ³⁰ And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.... ⁴¹ Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:... ⁴⁶ And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal”
3. 2 The. 1:7-9 ⁷ And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, ⁸ In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: ⁹ Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”

III. CONCERN FOR OTHERS

A. This comes as a result of the consequences of sin.

1. Jer. 5:3 ³ O LORD, *are* not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, *but* they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.”
2. Isa. 6:5, 8 ⁵ Then said I, Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. ⁶ Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: ⁷ And he laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. ⁸ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me.”
3. 2 Cor. 5:11 ¹¹ Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.”

B. With the prophets of God

1. The prophets of God went to them even though they were rejected.
2. Jer. 5:13 ¹³ And the prophets shall become wind, and the word *is* not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.”
3. We must still preach the word; 2 Tim. 4:2-4 ² Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; ⁴ And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”

C. For the poor of the land.

1. Jer. 5:4 ⁴ Therefore I said, Surely these *are* poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of 1 the LORD, *nor* the judgment of their God.”
2. 1 John 3:17 ¹⁷ But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?”
3. Eph. 4:28 ²⁸ Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.”

D. For the people as a whole.

1. Jer. 5:1, 4 ¹ Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be *any* that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.... ⁴ Therefore I said, Surely these *are* poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, *nor* the judgment of their God.”
2. It is our duty to take the Gospel to the whole world.

Conclusion: Let us make sure we are the type of man God desires.