

Jeremiah: God's Voice in a Sin-Sick Land  
**"I Will Rescue You"**  
 November 18, 2007

In Jeremiah, not only do we hear prophetic truth, but we see Jeremiah's prophetic life, putting flesh on God's calling and promises. Last week we explored this theme by contrasting faithful and unfaithful shepherds of the people. **This week we are going to explore Jeremiah's persecution and God's promise to rescue him (1: 8). In this context we see how Jeremiah's prophetic character contrasts with the character of the people and points us to the character of Christ.**

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| <b>Jeremiah's Character</b>   |                               |  |  |
| <b>Judgment and Rescue</b>    |                               |  |  |
| <b>Foreshadowing Christ</b>   |                               |  |  |

**Application?**

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| <b>The People's Character</b> | The residents of Jeremiah's hometown persecute him and want to suppress his proclamation. (v 21)  | The people <b>disobey</b> God's covenant. (v 8 – 10)<br><br>The people <b>rely on many gods</b> for their livelihoods and safety. (v 12 – 13)  | The people thrive despite their wickedness. (v 1)<br><br>The people pay lip service to God. (v 2) |
| <b>Jeremiah's Character</b>   | Jeremiah <b>relies on God</b> for judgment and has committed his cause to God (v 20)  | Jeremiah takes on the role of the people in affirming God's covenant. (v 5b)<br><br>Jeremiah <b>obeys</b> God by proclaiming His word. (v 1-3, 21)   | Jeremiah is <b>honest</b> with God.<br><br>Jeremiah is known by God. (v 3)                        |
| <b>Judgment and Rescue</b>    | God warns Jeremiah about the plot against him. (v 18)<br><br>God punishes the people of Anathoth. (v 22 – 23)   | God fulfills his promise to judge them. (v 11)<br><br>God describes his judgment as the destruction of a tree (v 16-17), just as Jeremiah's persecution was described in a similar way (v 19). | God's judgment eventually comes. (v 3-4).<br><br>See Psalm 73.                                    |
| <b>Foreshadowing Christ</b>   | A gentle lamb ... Cut off from the land of the living... (v 19) See Isaiah 53. Acts 2:22-28.<br><br>Let me see thy vengeance...for to you I have committed my cause. (v 20). See Luke 23: 26-35, 44-46. |  | Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Luke 22: 39-45.  |