

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 294 – Hear Ye The Word Through Pour Out Fury (Jeremiah 10:1-25)

1. Did God want Israel to learn the ways of the heathen?

No: *“(1) Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: (2) Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. (3) For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. (4) They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. (5) They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good” (Jeremiah 10:1-5).*

- He wanted them to hear His words (**Psalms 50:7** and **Ezekiel 3:27**).
- Don't learn the way of the heathen (**Deuteronomy 7:1-7**, **Deuteronomy 12:28-31**, and **Deuteronomy 18:9**).
- Don't be dismayed by the signs of heaven, which refers to things occurring in the sky (**Genesis 1:14**).
- Idolatry is vain (**Psalms 135:15-18** and **Isaiah 46:1-7**).
- Those idols could not do anything (**Isaiah 45:20**).

2. Are there any that can be likened unto God?

No: *“(6) Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O LORD; thou art great, and thy name is great in might. (7) Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? for to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like unto thee” (Jeremiah 10:6-7).*

- None like God (**II Samuel 7:22**, **Psalms 86:8**, **Isaiah 40:18-25**, and **Daniel 3:29**).
- Who wouldn't fear God (**Daniel 6:26** and **Luke 12:4-5**)?

3. Why did Jeremiah refer to some as brutish and foolish?

Their following of idols: *“(8) But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock is a doctrine of vanities. (9) Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple is their clothing: they are all the work of cunning men. (10) But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. (11) Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. (12) He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion. (13) When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures. (14) Every*

man is brutish in his knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. (15) They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish” (Jeremiah 10:8-15).

- One is a fool to trust in idols (**Habakkuk 2:18-19**).
- They went to great lengths to get the materials for their idols (**Isaiah 57:5-10**).
- The Lord is the true God (**II Samuel 7:28** and **John 17:3**).
- He is the Living God (**Joshua 3:10**, **Hebrews 10:31**, and **Hebrews 12:22-23**) in contrast to the unloving idols they created.
- He is the everlasting King (**I Timothy 1:17**).
- No one or group of people can abide God’s indignation (**Nahum 1:6**).
- God is the lone Creator (**Isaiah 40:28**).
- He created the world by wisdom (**Proverbs 3:19**).
- His voice like a multitude of waters in the heavens, lightning, etc. (**Psalms 29:3-9**).
- Every man is brutish in comparison to God (**I Corinthians 1:25-31**).
- God had forewarned them that their trust in idols would turn on them (**Deuteronomy 32:21**).

4. Who is the “former” of all things?

The Lord: *“The portion of Jacob is not like them: for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: The LORD of hosts is his name” (Jeremiah 10:16).*

- God is the “portion of Jacob” (**Psalms 142:5** and **Lamentations 3:24**).

5. Why were they to gather up the wares [bundle] out of the land?

Because the Lord was going to sling out the inhabitants of the land at once: *“(17) Gather up thy wares out of the land, O inhabitant of the fortress. (18) For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this once, and will distress them, that they may find it so” (Jeremiah 10:17-18).*

- Again, just like He forewarned (**Deuteronomy 28:63-64**) and their past taught (**Ezekiel 20:7-8**).

6. What facts did the Lord have to grieve over and bear?

That the tabernacle was spoiled, the pastors were stupid, the Israelites were going to be scattered, and Judah desolate: *“(19) Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this is a grief, and I must bear it. (20) My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they are not: there is none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains. (21) For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered. (22) Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the*

north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, and a den of dragons”
(**Jeremiah 10:19-22**).

- Man’s sins affect God (**Genesis 6:5-6, Psalms 78:40, Psalms 95:9-10, Isaiah 63:10, Ezekiel 6:9, and Luke 19:41-44**).

7. Is mankind meant to determine our own direction?

No: *“O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps”* (**Jeremiah 10:23**).

- **Psalms 37:23, Proverbs 3:5-7, Proverbs 20:24, Luke 4:4, and II Timothy 3:15-17.**

8. What type of correction did Jeremiah fear from the Lord?

God’s correction in anger: *“O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing”* (**Jeremiah 10:24**).

- **Psalms 38:1-3 and Isaiah 41:11.**

9. Who did Jeremiah want God to pour out His fury upon?

The heathen that did not know the Lord: *“Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate”* (**Jeremiah 10:25**).

- This Scripture is not the first time we read of such requests (**Psalms 79:6-7**).
- We should understand, under the Law of Christ, that God does not desire to consume anyone (**I Timothy 2:1-4 and II Peter 3:9-10**).