

Jeremiah: It's the Last Hour
Nothing Is Too Hard For God
Jeremiah 32:26-44
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1. Acknowledge God's **SOVEREIGNTY** in my circumstances. Jeremiah 32:26-35

Why am I where I am in my life now (26-30)? This is a picture of the end of God's mercy towards His people in the days of Jeremiah...

Jeremiah 32:26-44 — 26 *The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: 27 "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?*

Genesis 18:14 — 14 *Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."*

Luke 1:37 — 37 *For nothing will be impossible with God."*

Luke 18:27 — 27 *But he said, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."*

God is in charge of the circumstances of our lives!!!

28 Therefore, *thus says the Lord: Behold, I am giving this city into the hands of the Chaldeans and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall capture it. 29 The Chaldeans who are fighting against this city shall come and set this city on fire and burn it, with the houses on whose roofs offerings have been made to Baal and drink offerings have been poured out to other gods, to provoke me to anger.*

30 For the children *of Israel and the children of Judah have done nothing but evil in my sight from their youth. The children of Israel have done nothing but provoke me to anger by the work of their hands, declares the Lord.*

What do I need to change in my life now (31-35)?

31 This city has aroused my anger and wrath, *from the day it was built to this day, so that I will remove it from my sight 32 because of all the evil of the children of Israel and the children of Judah that they did to provoke me to anger—their kings and their officials, their priests and their prophets, the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.*

33 They have turned to me their back *and not their face. And though I have taught them persistently, they have not listened to receive instruction. 34 They set up their abominations in the house that is called by my name, to defile it. 35 They built the high places of Baal in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to offer up their sons and daughters to Molech, though I did not*

command them, nor did it enter into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

1 Kings 8:28-29 — 28 Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, **29** that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place.

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2. Affirm God’s **SUSTAINING GRACE** in my change. Jeremiah 32:36-44

Where do I see God working for my good (36-40)?

36 “Now therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, ‘It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine, and by pestilence’: **37** Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation.

I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety. **38** And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. **39** I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. **40** I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me.

Psalms 86:11 — 11 Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Deuteronomy 6:5 — 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Ezekiel 11:19-20 — 19 And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, **20** that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

UNITY & HARMONY!!! John 17:21-23 — 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, **23** I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Charles Stanley—Everything God does for us, He does for our good. He gives us a heart to love Him, a will to obey Him, and a spirit to fear Him, for our good and the good of our children.

How is my faith being vindicated (41-44)?

41 I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul.

42 “For thus says the Lord: Just as I have brought all this great disaster upon this people, so I will bring upon them all the good that I promise them. **43** Fields shall be bought in this land of which you are saying, ‘It is a desolation, without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.’ **44** Fields shall be bought for money, and deeds shall be signed and sealed and witnessed, in the land of Benjamin, in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, in the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the Shephelah, and in the cities of the Negeb; for I will restore their fortunes, declares the Lord.”

1 Peter 4:17 — 17 For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

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Let's talk about the best time to buy...

1. Why did Jeremiah need to be reminded that the LORD was God of all flesh (v.27)? Why is that such a difficult truth for us to accept today?
2. What kinds of circumstances cause you to doubt the truth that nothing is too hard for God (v.27)?
3. What was going to happen to the nation of Judah and why was it going to happen (v.28-29)?
4. Why are we so surprised when God brings discipline into our lives?
5. If you were asked to recount how you had provoked the LORD to anger in your past, how would you answer?
6. How has God been working for your good in the circumstances of your life?
7. How do we blame God for our sinful choices?
8. How can God be honored in both judgment and salvation?
9. How is God's sustaining grace good for us and for those who come after us?
10. What difference does it make to know that God delights in doing good for His people?