

UNBLUSHABLE

Jeremiah 8:1-12

Look at this picture of stubborn sin.

I. THE PEOPLE'S CORRUPTION (1-8a)

A. THE DEMISE (1-2)

1. Desecrated graves (1)
2. Astral worship (2)

B. THE DESPERATION (3)

- Choosing death rather than life

C. THE DETAILS: They are ...

1. Obstinate (4-5)
2. Unrepentant (6)
3. Calloused (7)
4. Arrogant (8a)

D. THE SUMMARY (5b)

1. They hold fast to deceit
2. They refuse to return

E. A TRANSITION: Consider **Jeremiah 5:3-5**

1. Note Jeremiah's observation (3)
2. Note Jeremiah's objective (4-5a)
3. Note Jeremiah's realization (5b)

II. THE LEADER'S CONDITION (8b-12)

A. DECEITFUL AUTHORS (8b) [Scribes]

- The false pen writes falsehood!

B. DESPICABLE PROFESSORS (9-10) [Wisemen]

1. Rejecting God's Word (9)
2. Greedy For Gain (10a)
3. Practicing Deceit (10b)

C. DISGUSTING PASTORS (11-12) [Prophets and priests]

1. Superficial (11)
 - a. Putting a band-aid on a broken arm
 - b. Offering quick fixes for serious needs
 - c. Unable to discern the deeper issues and needs
2. Shameless (12)

III. **THE AWFUL REALITY**

A. THE PEOPLE ARE IGNORANT (7b)

B. THE LEADERS ARE GUILTY (12b)

IV. **THE BELIEVER'S RESPONSIBILITY**

A. INVENTORY

1. Am I responsive to God?
2. Am I following godly leaders?

B. INTERVENTION - **See Jeremiah 6:10-11**

1. Speak up even though they will not listen (10)
2. Pour out the warning on everyone around you (11)

CONCLUSION

Are we unblushable?

1. Are we embarrassed at our faltering failures?
2. Have we become calloused to the coldness of those all around us?