

# **COMING TO THE LORD**

## **Jeremiah 16:19-21**

**We can be hurting but hopeful when coming to the Lord!**

### **I. THE PROPHET COMES** (19a)

#### **A. HIS DIFFICULTIES**

1. His life was threatened (11:19)
2. His prayer was forbidden (14:11)
3. His people were doomed (15:1-4)

#### **B. HIS DECLARATION**

1. Proper: "O Lord" (Yahweh ... Jehovah)
2. Personal: "My"
3. Particular
  - a. My strength: Giving him power to face opposition (see 15:16)
  - b. My stronghold: Giving him protection ... a fort
  - c. My refuge: Giving him a place to which he can flee (see Psalm 18:1-3)

#### **C. HIS DISTRESS** (19:1-18)

1. What was current (1-9)
  - Family, funerals and feasts were all forbidden
2. What was coming (10-18)
  - No favor or forgiveness for his people

### **II. THE PEOPLE COME** (19b-21)

#### **A. THE COMPANY** (19b)

- Nations from the ends of the earth

#### **B. THEIR CONDITION** (19c)

1. Inheriting traditions
2. Lacking truth

**C. THEIR CONFESSION (19d-20)**

- Their idols ...

1. Truthlessness: Falsehood
2. Nothingness: Futility
3. Worthlessness: Things of no profit
4. Foolishness (20): Note their question and conclusion

**D. THEIR COMPREHENSION (21)**

1. Informed by God
2. Informed about God
  - a. His power: His hand > That which He possesses
  - b. His might: His mighty deeds > That which He produces
  - c. His name: His character and conduct > That which defines Him

**CONCLUSION:**

*Jeremiah found help in coming to the Lord ... then too, he had hope that others would come to Him also. This reassurance made him ready to face additional challenges.*

**When we are stressed and struggling we need to come to the Lord**