

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