

Prophet Jeremiah

Theme: ***Laboring for results we will not see in our time.***

I. Observation of Jeremiah's background:

Jeremiah 1:1–3 — ¹ "The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, ² to whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. ³ It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the exile of Jerusaem in the fifth month."

- A. About his family? -v1
- B. About his calling as a prophet? -v2
- C. About length of His ministry in proclaiming God's Word? -v3

II. God care about our concerns when responding to His call to serve.

A. What three things did God do to Jeremiah in the womb to prepare Him to be His prophet?

Jeremiah 1:4–5 — ⁴ "Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.""

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

4. How is this call similar for followers of Jesus Christ? – *Ephesians 1:4–5; Ephesians 1:18–20*

a.

B. What was Jermiah's concern about moving from priesthood to Prophet?

Jeremiah 1:6 "Then I said, "Alas, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because I am a youth."

1. Answer: _____
2. What concerns would we have if we sense God is calling us to a very challenge vocation?

C. How did the Lord respond to Jeremiah's excuses?

Jeremiah 1:7–8 — ⁷ "But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, And all that I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ "Do not be afraid of them, For I am with you to deliver you," declares the LORD."

1. Don't make _____ and don't _____.
2. What promise does God give Jeremiah? _____

3. What command and promise does Jesus give his disciples? - *Matthew 28:19–20*

III. What did God do to fully equip Jeremaiah for his work?

Jeremiah 1:9–10 — ⁹ "Then the Lord stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. ¹⁰ "See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, To pluck up and to break down, To destroy and to overthrow, To build and to plant.""