

**Lesson 6**  
**The Lord's Answer and Jeremiah's Sign**  
**Jeremiah 12-13**

**Questions**

1. What questions did Jeremiah ask about his enemies and what did he want the Lord to do to them (12:1-4)?
  
2. What questions did the Lord ask Jeremiah about his present trials and who was causing these trials (12:5-6)?
  
3. What did the Lord say he would do to his heritage or people, and why (12:7-13)?
  
4. What did the Lord promise to do after he plucked up Judah and her evil neighbors (12:14-17)?
  
5. What was Jeremiah told to buy and what was he to do with it (13:1-7)?
  
6. What did the object represent that Jeremiah bought (13:8-11)?
  
7. What was Jeremiah told to say to the people and what would the Lord no longer have for them (13:12-14)?
  
8. What did Jeremiah tell the proud people to do (13:15-19)?
  
9. What was going to happen to Judah and Jerusalem, and why (13:20-27)?

## **Digging Deeper**

1. How is Jeremiah 12:1-6 connected to the plot against Jeremiah in 11:18-23?
2. What is the meaning of Jeremiah 12:5 and how is it an example of an “a fortiori” argument (an argument from the lesser to the greater)?
3. When would Jeremiah 12:14-17 be fulfilled completely?
4. How far, approximately, would Jeremiah have travelled from Jerusalem to get to the Euphrates River (13:4-7)?
5. Who was the king and queen-mother referenced in Jeremiah 13:18?
6. What is Jeremiah 13:23 teaching? Are the Israelites at this time able to change, or not?
7. Where is Ethiopia located on a map (13:23)?

## **Applications for Today**

1. God’s people often ask why the wicked prosper (12:1; Psa. 73:1ff).
2. Let the Lord judge and take vengeance upon your enemies (12:3; Rom. 12:17-21).
3. Pray to the Lord for help with evil people who want to hurt you (12:1-4; Jer. 11:20; 2 Thess. 3:2-3).
4. The Lord is righteous in times that are difficult for us (12:1; Heb. 6:10).

5. Sometimes a believer's foes come from the people who are close to him (12:5-6; Mic. 7:6; Mt. 10:36).
6. Since we are the Lord's heritage and the Lord's vineyard, let us never do anything to arouse his anger (12:7-13; Eph. 1:11; 1 Cor. 3:9).
7. Let us diligently learn the ways of the Lord's people (12:14-17; 2 Tim. 2:15).
8. Let us never be proud and stubborn against the Lord (13:9-10, 15-17; Jas. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5).
9. We are to be a people, a name, a praise, and a glory for God (13:11; 1 Pet. 2:9-10).
10. Pride goes before destruction (13:15-19; Prov. 16:18).
11. Give glory to the Lord your God (13:16; Rev. 14:7; 19:7).
12. Humble yourselves before the mighty hand of the Lord (13:18; Jas. 4:10; 1 Pet. 5:6).
13. Do not forget the Lord and trust in what is false (13:25; 2 Thess. 2:11).