

**Lesson 8**  
**Jeremiah's Injunctions, Prayer, and Preaching**  
**Jeremiah 16-17**

**Questions**

1. What was Jeremiah told not to take and have, and why (16:1-4)?
  
2. What two places was Jeremiah told not to go and why (16:5-9)?
  
3. What answer was Jeremiah to give the people who asked him why he was preaching his message of judgment against them (16:10-13)?
  
4. What promise did the Lord give to these sinful people in the midst of his message of judgment (16:14-15)?
  
5. What would the Lord do to the people because of their iniquity (16:16-18)?
  
6. What was the Lord to Jeremiah (16:19-20)?
  
7. What would the Lord cause the nations to know about him (16:21)?
  
8. What would the Lord do to the Israelites for their idolatrous practices (17:1-4)?
  
9. What is the outcome of the one who trusts in man and the one who trusts in the Lord (17:5-8)?
  
10. What does the Lord try or test and what does he give to everyone (17:9-11)?

11. What did Jeremiah request of the Lord in prayer concerning himself and his persecutors (17:12-18)?
12. Where did the Lord tell Jeremiah to go and what did he tell him to speak (17:19-23)?
13. What would the Lord do for Israel if they hallowed the Sabbath day and kept it holy (17:24-26) and if they did not hallow it (17:27)?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. What are the “horns of the altar” and what significance do they have for the Jew (17:1)?
2. How is the instruction to Jeremiah in 17:19 similar to that of 7:2 and 26:2?

### **Applications for Today**

1. There is a time to die and a time to mourn (16:1-9; Eccl. 3:2-4).
2. Let us never have a stubborn and impenitent heart (16:10-13; Rom. 2:5).
3. The Lord knows and sees all sin (16:16-18; Psa. 36:1-2).
4. Like Jeremiah, we should make the Lord our strength and our stronghold (16:19; Psa. 46:1; 62:7).
5. Trust in the Lord, not man (17:5-8; Phil. 2:24).
6. The heart is deceitful (Jer. 17:9; Jas. 1:16) and the Lord can search and test the heart and mind (17:10; Heb. 4:12-13).
7. The Lord is the hope of Israel, then and now (17:13; 1 Pet. 1:3).
8. Let the Lord take care of your enemies (17:12-18; Rom. 12:17-21; 2 Tim. 4:14).
9. Obedience to God is rewarded and disobedience is punished (17:19-27; 2 Cor. 10:6).