

## Life-Study of Jeremiah Summary – Messages 26 to 30

### The Inner Law – The Center of the New Covenant

**Jer 31:33** – But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares Jehovah: I will put My law in their inward parts and write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.

The center, the centrality, of the new covenant is the inner law of life. The law given in Jer. 31:33 is not an outward law but an inward law. In its essence, this law refers to the divine life, and the divine life is nothing less than the life-giving Spirit, the all-inclusive Christ, and the processed and consummated God.

The divine capacity of the inner law of life can live God. This capacity can also cause the believers in Christ to be constituted with God. Because the believers are constituted with God, they as a corporate people are God's expression. In addition to causing us to be constituted with God, the capacity of the inner law constitutes us to be the Body of Christ.

### Jehovah's Promise Concerning the Restoration of Israel

In 32:16-25 Jeremiah asked Jehovah why He told him to buy the field since the city of Jerusalem had been given into the hand of the Chaldeans. Here the fellowship between God and Jeremiah was very intimate, like the fellowship between intimate friends. In asking about the field, Jeremiah addressed God as if He were his close friend.

**Jer 32:39** – And I will give them one heart and one way, to fear Me all the days, for their own good and for [the good of] their children after them.

We the chosen people of God, should all have one heart and one way. We should have one heart to love God, to seek God, to live God, and to be constituted with God. This means that we love to be the expression of God. The one way is just the Triune God. What should be our way in the Body of Christ? As the Body of Christ, we should take the way of the inner law, which is the Triune God with His divine capacity. We should all have one heart to love Him, and we should all take Him as our life and our way.

### Israel's Stubbornness and Jeremiah's Firmness

While Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon with all his army was fighting against Jerusalem and all of its cities, Jeremiah was sent by Jehovah to speak to Zedekiah king of Judah. Jeremiah was to tell Zedekiah that Jehovah was giving Jerusalem into Nebuchadnezzar's hand to be burned with fire and that Zedekiah would not escape from his hand. In chapter 36, Jeremiah commanded Baruch the son of Neriah to write from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of Jehovah, which He had spoken to him, on a scroll book. After listening, the king would cut it with a scribe's knife and throw the pieces into the brazier, until the whole scroll was consumed in the fire. Jeremiah took another scroll, and Baruch the scribe wrote on it from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim had burned; and many more words like those were added to them. From this we see that although Israel was stubborn in sinning against Jehovah, Jeremiah remained firm in his speaking for Him.

In chapter 37, the captain of the guard seized Jeremiah and brought him to the princes to be struck and put in prison. Later Zedekiah commanded that Jeremiah be placed into the court of the guard. In chapter 38, the princes cast Jeremiah with ropes into a pit in the court of the guard. Zedekiah later freed Jeremiah from the pit. In chapter 39, Jerusalem was captured, Zedekiah was punished, and Jeremiah was released. Jeremiah then went to Gedaliah and dwelt with him among the people who were left in the land.

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