Jeremiah 7-8:17 • When Condemnation Is Warranted

1. (7:1-7) The work of **revival** among God’s people always begins with a call to return to His **Word** and to put His **Word** into practice.
2. (7:8-15) All spiritual **deception** is the result of continually and consistently walking according to one’s own **desires** so that eventually they are given over to them.
3. (7:16) When **disobedience** and **self-deception** is so institutionalized and established that a point has been reached from which escape from God’s judgment is no longer possible, the opportunity to **repent** comes to an end.
4. (7:17-20) The inevitable path to **judgment** is the result of:
   1. (v.17-18) The outward appearance of the Law is **kept** while applying it **falsely**.
   2. (v.19) **Self-deception** runs so deep they don’t know they are hurting **themselves**.
   3. (v.20) **Corruption** is so entrenched that the only way God can properly address it is to completely **consume** them.
5. (7:21-26) **Judgment** doesn’t come for missing something “once” or temporarily straying a bit, but by the consistent and stout refusal to **change**. Such consistent refusal actually becomes a **lifestyle** leading to the inevitable consequences of **judgment**.
6. (7:27-31) When the **protection** of God’s Word is withdrawn because of the persistent pursuit of false practices, self-deception inevitably leads to embracing outright wrong **practices** and **doctrine** leading to judgment.
7. (8:4-7) Ultimately they come to a point where they no longer understand how to **practically apply** God’s Word.
8. (8:8-12) God’s Word is so corrupted that it’s not merely a “**misinterpretation**” or lack of **information**, but **redefining** God’s Word to the point that it is represented to mean the very **opposite** of God’s plain and simple original meaning.

***Summary of the path leading to “apostasy”:***

* (7:17-18) Misapply the things of God in the course of false **worship**.
* (7:19) Self-deception so deep, one does not realize they are **hurting** their self.
* (7:20) Corruption so entrenched that God must **consume** them.
* (7:21-26) Not temporarily backsliding, but a **lifestyle** of sin.
* (7:27-29) No longer respond to the **Truth** of God’s Word.
* (7:30) So self-deceived they bring into the house of God the things which His Word state outright “**defile it**”.
* (7:31) Ultimately embrace wrong **worship** practices of the worst kind, actually engaging in **child** sacrifice.
* (8:4-7) No longer know how to properly **apply** God’s Word.
* (8:8-12) Not just pervasive among the **people**, but embraces every level of **leadership**.

1. (7:32-34) The ultimate and final destination is **hell**.
2. (8:1-3) The ultimate consequence is **death** and **separation**.
3. (8:13-15) They may not face their **sin** now, but in the end they will.
4. (8:16-17) Once **called**, they are ultimately **removed**.