

The Study on the Book of Jeremiah
Week #4: The First Step of Repentance
Sunday, October 20, 2024 (PM Service)

Introduction:

- We are a part of the **bride** of Christ.
 - The southern Kingdom, **Judah**, was being compared unfavorably to the unfaithful **Northern** kingdom.
- 1. God **Will Not** Always be Angry (**Jer. 3:12**)
 - a. The idea is a contrast. **Your** love failed; God's love is **Unfailing**. You have been unfaithful; God is faithful.
 - b. **Admitting** sinfulness is a way to praise; sin is the opposite of what God has demonstrated to me.
- 2. God **Expects** Repentance (**Jer. 3:11-14**)
 - a. The invitation is powerful and simple: **Turn** and acknowledge **Guilt**.
 - b. There is no **Healing** without repentance, and there is no **Repentance** without acknowledging sin.
- 3. God's **Plan** of Repentance (**Jer. 4:1-4**)
 - a. The **Returning** was not an emotional reattachment to God as much as it was a plan to **demolish** the idols and **restore** the relationship.
 - i. The first step of the plan...
 1. **Remove** the Idols (**Jer. 4:1**)
 2. **Swear** to this Commitment (**Jer. 4:2**)
 3. **Cultivate** Your Heart (**Jer. 4:3**)
 - b. This broken soil is a **Metaphor** for a heart that has the idols rooted out and is now **Humble** before God and ready to receive His Word.
 - i. The final step of the plan...
 1. **Consecrate** Yourself (**Jer. 4:4**)
 - ii. Circumcision was an **external** sign of an **internal** covenant.
 - c. Repentance is the **working out** of our salvation.
- 4. Your **Repentance** is Part of God's Plan (**Jer. 3:12-18**)

Conclusion:

- If God's **goodness** is dammed up in your heart, were to be breached, there would be **a lot** of grace.