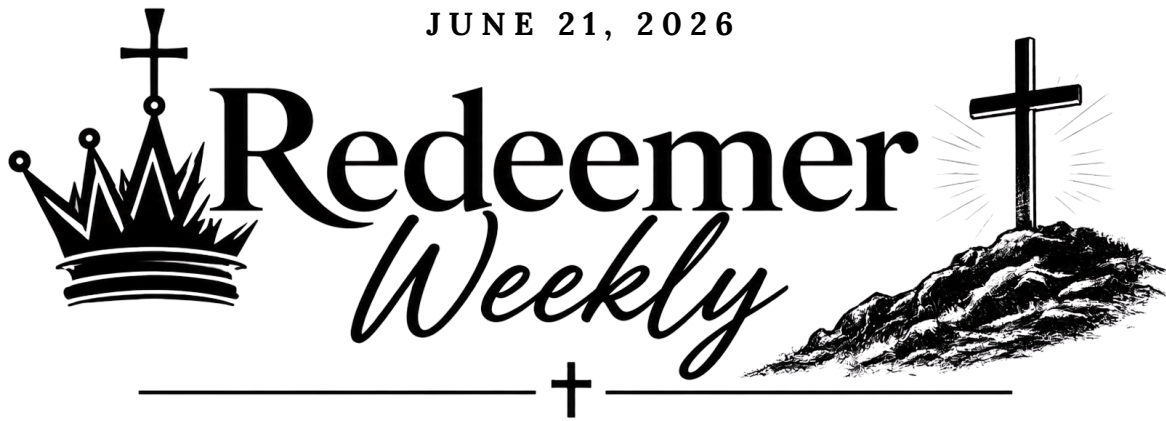


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JASON BOOTHE

THE FIRE IN HIS BONES

JEREMIAH 20:7-13



There are moments in the Christian life when faithfulness feels costly. The servant of God may find himself misunderstood, ridiculed, or discouraged. Scripture never hides these realities. Instead, it shows us how God's grace sustains His people through them.

This Sunday, we will turn our attention to one of the most personal and moving passages in the book of Jeremiah. Following public humiliation and persecution at the hands of those who opposed his message, the prophet opens his heart before the Lord. Jeremiah 20:7-13 allows us to glimpse the inner struggle of a man called to proclaim God's truth to a rebellious nation.

Jeremiah ministered during the final years of the kingdom of Judah. While false prophets promised peace and prosperity, Jeremiah faithfully warned of coming judgment and called the people to repentance. His message was rejected. His warnings were mocked. His faithfulness brought suffering. Yet despite his discouragement, Jeremiah discovered that God's Word burned within him like a fire that could not be extinguished.

In this passage, we witness the tension between human weakness and divine calling. We hear the cries of a weary prophet, but we also see the sustaining power of God's presence. The Lord who called Jeremiah strengthened him, upheld him, and filled his heart with confidence even when opposition surrounded him.

Most importantly, Jeremiah's experience points us to the greater Prophet, Jesus Christ. Like Jeremiah, our Lord was rejected by His own people. He was mocked, despised, and opposed for speaking the truth of God. Yet Christ endured suffering to accomplish our redemption and now reigns as the victorious Savior who sustains His church through every trial.

As we gather for worship this Lord's Day, we will consider what it means to remain faithful when obedience is costly, how God's Word continues to work powerfully within His people, and why the presence of Christ is sufficient for every season of discouragement.

May the Lord encourage our hearts through His Word and remind us that the God who sustained Jeremiah remains faithful to His people today.



SINNERS SPIRITUALLY DEAD

HENRY T. MAHAN

***“And you hath he quickened,
who were dead in trespasses and sins; - Ephesians 2:1***

Men do not come to Christ because they are dead in trespasses and sins and must be quickened by God's Spirit. In the heart of man, there dwelleth no good thing. In the soul of man there is no spiritual life. In the mind of man there is no longing or seeking after God. Men out of Christ are dead men. They are just as dead and helpless spiritually as a corpse is helpless physically. I would as soon expect a dead man to get out of his casket, go into the kitchen and get himself a drink of water as for a sinner to rise out of his sins and go to Christ who is the water of life, without the quickening and regenerating work of the Spirit. If a man is ever saved from sin, he will first be effectually quickened by the Spirit of God. Paul in writing to the Ephesians calls their attention to the fact that they were "quickened" to life (Eph. 2:1) by the Spirit. God does not perform this effectual work of the Spirit in the hearts of all men, but only in the hearts of those whom he has purposed to save.

"Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9) from the beginning to end. He saves men on purpose, there are no accidents with God. This talk of "God has done His part, now you must do your part" completely destroys salvation by pure grace and allows it to depend on the works of man which is no more of grace, but of deeds and works. Man made his decision in Eden – he chose to disobey God and serve Satan. That decision still controls the hearts of unregenerated men. Now God is calling out His people from every nation under heaven and redeeming them through the blood of His Son. He did not tell us that the destiny of men rested upon our talking them into Church membership, but He did commission us to preach the Gospel to every creature and leave the work of regeneration in the proper hands, that of the Spirit.

Pastor Henry T. Mahan (1926–2019)

Pastor Henry Thomas Mahan was one of the most influential Sovereign Grace Baptist preachers of the twentieth century. Born on August 19, 1926, in Birmingham, Alabama, Mahan served in the United States Navy during World War II before entering the ministry at the age of twenty-one. His life would become marked by a steadfast commitment to the preaching of Christ and Him crucified.

In 1950, through the ministry of evangelist Rolfe Barnard, Mahan was brought to a deeper understanding of the doctrines of God's sovereign grace. At the time, he was serving in Ashland, Kentucky, where the message of God's electing purpose and saving mercy profoundly shaped his ministry for the remainder of his life.

In 1955, Mahan became pastor of Thirteenth Street Baptist Church in Ashland, Kentucky, a position he would hold for more than fifty years. Throughout his ministry, he faithfully proclaimed the gospel of free and sovereign grace, emphasizing the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ, justification by His righteousness, and redemption through His blood. His preaching was characterized by clarity, biblical depth, and an unwavering focus on Christ as the sinner's only hope. Beyond his local pastorate, Mahan traveled extensively throughout the United States and abroad as a conference speaker and evangelist. Through radio broadcasts, printed literature, books, and thousands of recorded sermons, his ministry reached believers around the world. His weekly bulletin articles and gospel messages continue to be widely circulated and treasured among churches that embrace the doctrines of grace.

Those who knew Henry Mahan often remarked upon his simplicity, warmth, and singular desire to exalt Christ. He consistently sought to direct attention away from himself and toward the Savior he loved and preached. His ministry reflected the words of the Apostle Paul: "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2).

Pastor Henry T. Mahan entered the presence of the Lord on May 7, 2019, at the age of ninety-two. His legacy endures through the countless pastors, churches, and believers who continue to benefit from his faithful exposition of Scripture and his unwavering proclamation of God's free and sovereign grace in Christ.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
Sunday June 21, 2025
11:30 AM



Announcements

Pastoral Prayer.....Keith Boothe

#Hymn 215

Psalm Reading Greg Flannery

#Hymn 397

Sermon Jason Boothe
"The Fire in His Bones" (Jeremiah 20:7-13)

Hymn 538

Closing Prayer Keith Boothe

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-CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL-
A FIRE IN HIS HEART
JEREMIAH 20:7-13

"If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,' there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones."

Jeremiah 20:9 (ESV)

Have you ever been so excited about something that you just had to tell someone?

Maybe it was a birthday surprise, a great grade on a test, or a fun trip your family was planning. Sometimes exciting news is hard to keep to yourself!

The prophet Jeremiah had something he could not keep quiet about. God had called him to tell the people of Judah His message. Many people did not like what Jeremiah said. They laughed at him, mocked him, and treated him badly.

Jeremiah became discouraged. He even thought about stopping. He thought, "Maybe I will not speak about the Lord anymore."

But something happened.

God's Word was like a fire burning inside his heart. Jeremiah could not keep silent because God had given him a message that needed to be shared.

Jeremiah teaches us an important lesson. When God saves us and fills our hearts with His truth, we should want to tell others about Him. We can tell our family, our friends, and our neighbors about Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the greatest message we could ever share. He came into the world to save sinners. He died on the cross for His people and rose again from the dead. Everyone who trusts in Him has forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

When we love Jesus, we will want others to know Him too!

Memory Verse:

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalms 119:105 (ESV)

JEREMIAH 20:7-13

DECEIVED? (v7)



His word is in my heart like a burning fire, shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot! (v9)



THE LORD IS WITH ME AS A MIGHTY WARRIOR! (v11)



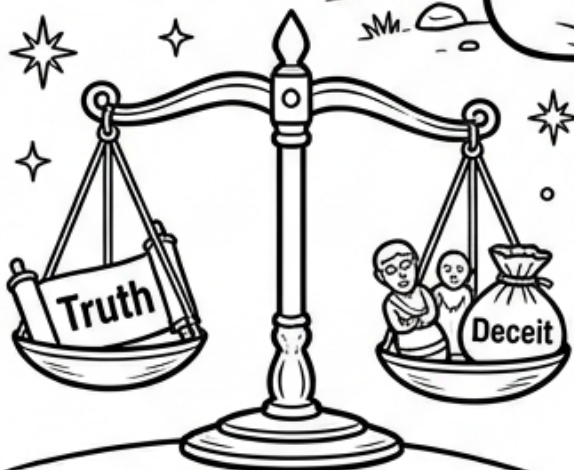
Derision and Mocking - v7



JEREMIAH THE PROPHET



Whispering of Many... "Report him!" (v10)



LORD OF HOSTS WHO TRIEST THE RIGHTEOUS (v12)



The Lord delivers the life of the needy (v13)



SING TO THE LORD! PRAISE THE LORD! (v13)

Scripture Reference: Jeremiah 20:7-13

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