

## Matters of the HEART in Jeremiah

### GOD'S HEART

#### 1. *God's Purposed Heart*

**23:20** The anger of the LORD will not turn back Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.

**30:24** The fierce anger of the LORD will not return until He has done it, And until He has performed the intents of His heart. In the latter days you will consider it.

#### 2. *God's Merciful Heart*

**31:20** *Is* Ephraim My dear son? *Is he* a pleasant child? For though I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still; Therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him, says the LORD.

**32:41** 'Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will assuredly plant them in this land, with all My heart and with all My soul.'

#### 3. *God's Pure Heart*

**7:31** "And they have built the high places of Tophet, which *is* in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, nor did it come into My heart.

#### 4. *God's Caring Heart*

**3:15** "And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

### GOD'S WORK WITH THE HEART

#### 5. *God Tests the Heart*

**11:20** But, O LORD of hosts, You who judge righteously, Testing the mind and the heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them, For to You I have revealed my cause.

**12:3** But You, O LORD, know me; You have seen me, And You have tested my heart toward You. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, And prepare them for the day of slaughter.

**17:10** I, the LORD, search the heart, / test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

**20:12** But, O LORD of hosts, You who test the righteous, *And* see the mind and heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them; For I have pleaded my cause before You.

### OUR SINFUL HEARTS

#### 6. *The Deceitful Condition of the Heart*

**4:14** O Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, That you may be saved. How long shall your evil thoughts lodge within you?

**4:18** "Your ways and your doings Have procured these *things* for you. This *is* your wickedness, Because it is bitter, Because it reaches to your heart."

**5:23** But this people has a defiant and rebellious heart; They have revolted and departed.

**17:9** "The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?

**14:14** And the LORD said to me, "The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart.

**22:17** "Yet your eyes and your heart *are* for nothing but your covetousness, For shedding innocent blood, And practicing oppression and violence."

**49:16** Your fierceness has deceived you, The pride of your heart, O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, Who hold the height of the hill! Though you make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there," says the LORD.

#### 7. *The Sin of Following the Dictates of One's Heart*

**3:17** "At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the LORD, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. No more shall they follow the dictates of their evil hearts.

**7:24** "Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels *and* the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward.

**9:14** "but they have walked according to the dictates of their own hearts and after the Baals, which their fathers taught them,"

**11:8** 'Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone followed the dictates of his evil heart; therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do, but *which* they have not done.'

**13:10** 'This evil people, who refuse to hear My words, who follow the dictates of their hearts, and walk after other gods to serve them and worship them, shall be just like this sash which is profitable for nothing.

**16:12** 'And you have done worse than your fathers, for behold, each one follows the dictates of his own evil heart, so that no one listens to Me.

**18:12** And they said, "That is hopeless! So we will walk according to our own plans, and we will every one obey the dictates of his evil heart."

**23:17** They continually say to those who despise Me, 'The LORD has said, "You shall have peace "'; And *to* everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you.'

#### 8. *Uncircumcised (Unbelieving) Heart*

**9:26** "Egypt, Judah, Edom, the people of Ammon, Moab, and all *who are* in the farthest corners, who dwell in the wilderness. For all *these* nations *are* uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel *are* uncircumcised in the heart."

#### 9. *A Heart Unwilling to Listen*

**12:11** They have made it desolate; Desolate, it mourns to Me; The whole land is made desolate, Because no one takes *it* to heart.

#### 10. *A Sinfully Questioning Heart*

**13:22** And if you say in your heart, "Why have these things come upon me?" For the greatness of your iniquity Your skirts have been uncovered, Your heels made bare.

### 11. A Guilty Heart

17:1 "The sin of Judah *is* written with a pen of iron; With the point of a diamond *it* is engraved On the tablet of their heart, And on the horns of your altars,

### 12. A Unfaithful Heart

3:10 "And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but in pretense," says the LORD.

4:4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, And take away the foreskins of your hearts, You men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Lest My fury come forth like fire, And burn so that no one can quench *it*, Because of the evil of your doings."

17:5 Thus says the LORD: "Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD.

42:20 "For you were hypocrites in your hearts when you sent me to the LORD your God, saying, 'Pray for us to the LORD our God, and according to all that the LORD your God says, so declare to us and we will do *it*.'

### 13. Falsehood-Powered Heart

4:10 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Surely You have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, Saying, 'You shall have peace,' Whereas the sword reaches to the heart."

23:16 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the LORD.

23:26 "How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart,

### 14. An Astonished Heart

4:9 "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the LORD, "*That* the heart of the king shall perish, And the heart of the princes; The priests shall be astonished, And the prophets shall wonder."

### 15. A Fearful Heart

48:41 Kerioth is taken, And the strongholds are surprised; The mighty men's hearts in Moab on that day shall be Like the heart of a woman in birth pangs.

49:22 Behold, He shall come up and fly like the eagle, And spread His wings over Bozrah; The heart of the mighty men of Edom in that day shall be Like the heart of a woman in birth pangs.

51:46 And lest your heart faint, And you fear for the rumor that *will be* heard in the land (A rumor will come *one* year, And after that, in *another* year A rumor *will come*, And violence in the land, Ruler against ruler),

### 16. Lying Heart

5:24 They do not say in their heart, "Let us now fear the LORD our God, Who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season. He reserves for us the appointed weeks of the harvest."

9:8 Their tongue *is* an arrow shot out; It speaks deceit; *One* speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, But in his heart he lies in wait.

### 17. A Proud Heart

48:29 "We have heard the pride of Moab (He *is* exceedingly proud), Of his loftiness and arrogance and pride, And of the haughtiness of his heart."

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### 18. Word-Powered Heart

15:16 Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

20:9 Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name." But *His word* was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding *it* back, And I could not.

### 19. Repentant Heart

29:13 And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart. [return from Babylon; cf vv. 10-14]

31:21 "Set up signposts, Make landmarks; Set your heart toward the highway, The way in *which* you went. Turn back, O virgin of Israel, Turn back to these your cities.

### 20. The Broken, Sin-Grieved Heart

4:19 O my soul, my soul! I am pained in my very heart! My heart makes a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, Because you have heard, O my soul, The sound of the trumpet, The alarm of war.

8:18 I would comfort myself in sorrow; My heart *is* faint in me.

23:9 My heart within me is broken Because of the prophets; All my bones shake. I am like a drunken man, And like a man whom wine has overcome, Because of the LORD, And because of His holy words.

48:36 Therefore My heart shall wail like flutes for Moab, And like flutes My heart shall wail For the men of Kir Heres. Therefore the riches they have acquired have perished.

## GOD'S PROMISED NEW HEART

### 21. Promised New Heart

24:7 'Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I *am* the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

30:21 Their nobles shall be from among them, And their governor shall come from their midst; Then I will cause him to draw near, And he shall approach Me; For who *is* this who pledged his heart to approach Me?' says the LORD. [cf. 18-22]

31:33 "But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

32:39 'then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them.

32:40 'And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.