

“Are You a Desert Shrub or a Well-Watered Tree?”

(Jeremiah 17:5-10)

I. Introduction

A. Historical Context & Overview of Jeremiah

B. Summary of the Sixth Sermon, Ch. 16-17

II. Cursed Is the Man Who Trusts Mankind, Jer. 17:5-6

A. God curses the man who trusts in mankind.

1. The unbeliever is _____, Gal. 3:10.
2. The believer has been _____ from the curse of the law, Gal. 3:13.

B. Trusting mankind results from a departure from the Lord in your heart.

1. The heart of the carnal man _____ from the Lord.

**Can you see there is a spiritual difference between reacting and responding?*

2. The carnal man does not _____ the word of God.

X. Trusting mankind results in spiritual desolation.

1. The carnal man does not _____ spiritual good.
2. The carnal man is spiritually _____.
3. The carnal man is spiritually _____.

III. Blessed Is the Man Who Trusts the LORD, Jer 17:7-8

A. God blesses the man who trusts in Him.

1. Salvation from sin's penalty is a _____ blessing from God, Rom. 4:4-8

**What are some of your spiritual blessings?*

2. Walking with the Lord _____ in practical blessings as well.

B. Trusting the Lord results from holding the Lord Himself as your hope.

X. Trusting the Lord results in the enjoyment of great spiritual prosperity.

1. The blessed man has _____ to the word of God.

**What can the word of God provide you with?*

2. The blessed man does not _____ trials.

3. The blessed man is not _____ in a _____ trial.

4. The blessed man is _____ fruitful.

IV. The Evaluation of Your Heart, Jer. 17:9-10

A. There is nothing more deceitful than your own heart.

1. The heart is the _____ of all your spiritual functions.

2. The type of deception that your heart is most _____ to is spiritual deception.

B. God evaluates your actions to demonstrate what is in your heart.

1. Thankfully, God is not _____ by our hearts.

2. The purpose of his search and test of the heart and mind is not so He can find out what you are holding in your heart, He already knows, but so that He can _____ it to you.

**How does this apply to you?*