



Questions
for God

QUESTION #3

“Why is my pain unceasing?”

- **Text: Jeremiah 15:18**

- **“Why” questions in the Bible.**

- Job asked, “Why is light given to him who is in misery and life to the bitter in soul?” (Job 3:20)
- Habakkuk queried, “why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallow up the man more righteous than he? (Hab. 1:13)
- Have you ever asked God a “why” question?

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- **Background:**

- Jeremiah is in a similar situation that was referenced last week regarding Isaiah.
- Isaiah was told that his message to Judah would not bring comfort and that this message would continue until the cities were laid waste. (Is. 6:11)
- Judah’s destruction is certain and imminent.

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- **Background (cont.)**

- So certain, in fact, that God even says intercession from Moses and Samuel would not help. (Jeremiah 15:1)
- Jeremiah’s message was devastating, in deed. Listen to Jeremiah 15:1-9. The firm hand of God’s discipline had not made a difference.
- As a result, Jeremiah is in despair.

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- **Jeremiah’s complaint:**
 - The weight of the message is a burden.
 - The treatment of the people is a burden.
 - The seeming desertion by God is a burden.
 - He responds by lashing out at God.
 - Have you ever lashed out at someone and then regretted it? Spouse? Parents?
 - **Jeremiah crossed the line here!!**

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- **God’s response:**
 - Jeremiah 15:19-20
 - God’s promise in 15:20, is the promise he had made to Jeremiah at the out set of his ministry. Consider 1:18-19.
 - God did not promise that Jeremiah would never suffer. He did promise that he would be with him and deliver him. (26:16; 38:1-20; 39:11-12)

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- **Jeremiah’s clouded vision:**
 - The experiences of Jeremiah were accomplishing in him what God had said that he would make him.
 - All that God said through Jeremiah came true.
 - God is the fountain of living waters if we will listen to him.