PRACTICE JUSTICE

Introduction

Is it better to be successful or to be faithful? This was the dilemma facing the prophet Jeremiah as he confronted the evils within Judah. During Jeremiah's ministry, he was unsuccessful in changing the peoples' evil ways. However, through his faithfulness to God, others were given a second chance at life.

During this lesson, you will:

- **Discover** divine justice described by Jeremiah
- **Express** gratitude that God is a God of justice
- **Endeavor** to be just and advocate for justice

Scripture

Jeremiah 21:8-14 (KJV)

Devotional Reading:

Psalm 86:1-13 (KJV)

Just Rewards

About Today's Lesson...

Have you ever repeated the same message over and over again to someone, only to observe that your message is being totally ignored? Or maybe even worse, the recipients of your message mock or just laugh at you because they view you as just a crazy outcast? If any of these things have ever happened to you, you may have begun to feel discouraged and disheartened, especially if the purpose of your message was to invoke life-changing, life-saving behavior.

In this lesson, the "weeping prophet" Jeremiah communicates the coming wrath of God to the people of Jerusalem. Jeremiah unsuccessfully prophesied for 40 years in an attempt to get the people to change their evil ways. This included a warning to Judah's leadership concerning the inequities within their community. So, there would be no deliverance from Babylon. Jeremiah lamented for his people, but it was too late - God's face had already been set against the people. Join us today as we continue to examine God's divine justice through Jeremiah.

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