

## **Trusting God When Society is Hopelessly Lost**

### ***Jeremiah 20:7-18***

#### **Outline**

**Introduction:** What does a Bible-believing Christian in a crumbling culture do when the surrounding culture mocks our values, rejects God's redemptive solution, and presents itself as the only intellectual and social road to progress? When society looks hopelessly lost and on the road to destruction, what should people of faith do? The prophet Jeremiah teaches us what a Christian can expect to go through as a nation nears moral collapse.

#### **The historical background to Jeremiah 20**

##### ***Jeremiah's dilemmas: Feeling let down by God - vs. 7-8***

1. Jeremiah accused God of tricking him into answering the call to ministry. Vs. 7
2. Jeremiah lamented that God saddled him with a very unpopular message to deliver - one of coming national judgment. Vs. 8
3. Jeremiah had a fire burning inside that he could not suppress or deny. Vs. 9
4. Jeremiah faced public slander and threats from the surrounding culture. Vs. 10

##### ***Jeremiah's faith that overcame in a hopelessly lost society - vss. 11-12***

1. When society looks hopeless, do what Jeremiah did: First, put your trust in God to be your mighty warrior; second, trust God to be a righteous judge over all evil; and third, commit your cause to Him to work out everything in His way and in His time.
2. Jeremiah learned to sing praises to the Lord in the middle of a hopelessly lost society.
3. Jeremiah sank back into despair! Vs. 14-15, 18
4. Jeremiah got back up to walk in faith again. Vs. 3-6

***"If we are faithless, he [Christ] remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself" 2 Timothy 2:13.***