

# ***The Heart Of The Matter (part 2)***

## ***Jeremiah 17:5-10***

*There are ONLY Two WAYS, ONE or the OTHER, Never BOTH, by which Men may Live.*

*A CURSED LIFE THAT TRUSTS IN MAN. (vv.5-6)*

*A BLESSED LIFE THAT TRUSTS IN GOD. (vv.7-8)*

*Now, in the next two verses, we find the "Heart of the Matter"*

### **1. THE TWO REASONS FOR THE CURSE. (v.9)**

- The HEART...this Human Nature has TWO Things Wrong with it:
- FIRST, Man's Heart Is DESPERATELY CORRUPT.
- The Human Heart is Corrupted with SIN & can NOT be Changed on its own.
- There's Only One Thing it's good for...to be Put to DEATH.
- SIN, like the worm, Begins in the heart & Works in a person's Thoughts, Words & Actions
  
- SECOND, Man's Heart Is also DECEITFULLY CROOKED.
- The Human HEART has an Ability to Disguise Itself & "Appear" Admirable.
- The Heart can Appear One Way...when it's Really quite the OTHER.
- The ONLY BOOK that Tells you the Truth about your Heart is the BIBLE.
- Will you LIVE your Life in a "Fantasy World" OR "in Reality?"

### **3. THE TWO RESPONSES TO THE BLESSING. (v.10)**

- FIRST, God READS the Faithful Heart that Trusts Him.
- ONLY GOD can make a TRUE Heart Transplant.
- When we Come to God by FAITH in Christ Jesus, God gives us a NEW LIFE.
- Why would God want that Old, Dirty, Filthy, Heart of MINE?
- He Doesn't...He Wants to Give you a NEW HEART.
  
- God REWARDS the Faithful Heart that Trusts Him.
- "How do I Know What's IN my Heart?" (Galatians 6:7-8)
- Jesus taught us a TREE will produce Fruit according to its Nature. (Luke 16:15)
- Without God's Help, our Only Response to our Sin-Sick Hearts must be Despair & Hopelessness.
- GOD Tests & Examines our Hearts & He has Provided Our Only Hope in Jesus.