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Jeremiah prays to the Lord,

1. ***“Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper?”***
2. ***“But thou, O LORD, knowest me: thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward thee: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter,”***
3. ***“How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein?”***

Jeremiah 12:1 Righteous *art* thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet let me talk with thee of *thy* judgments: Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? *wherefore* are all they happy that deal very treacherously?

Jeremiah 12:2 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: thou *art* near in their mouth, and far from their reins.

Jeremiah 12:3 But thou, O LORD, knowest me: thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward thee: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.

Jeremiah 12:4 How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our last end.

The LORD answers Jeremiah with a call to trust Him

Jeremiah 12:5 If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and *if* in the land of peace, *wherein* thou trustedst, *they wearied thee*, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

Jeremiah 12:6 For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee; yea, they have called a multitude after thee: believe them not, though they speak fair words unto thee.

Jeremiah 12:7 I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.

Jeremiah 12:8 Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest; it crieth out against me: therefore have I hated it.

Jeremiah 12:9 Mine heritage *is* unto me as a speckled bird, the birds round about *are* against her; come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.

Application: a message and call to all God's people;

v5. **“If this troubles you, what are you going to do if things get worse?”**

v6. **“Even your family is against you... don't believe them or listen to them**

vs7-9. **“Trust Me! I am taking care of it; they will not escape my judgment.”**

([2Th 1:3-12](#); [Php 1:27-29](#); [1Pe 4:12-14](#))

Scripture	Application: false doctrines
<p>Jeremiah 12:10 Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness. (Jer 23:1-2; Mt 9:35-36)</p> <p>Jeremiah 12:11 They have made it desolate, <i>and being</i> desolate it mourneth unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth <i>it</i> to heart. (Eze 34:10; Isa 40:9-11; Joh 10:9-16)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. salvation: believe only, full package (forgiveness of sin, justified, sanctified, Holy Spirit baptism, eternally saved) without regard to lifestyle. 2. sins: past, present, and future forgiven. 3. holy life unnecessary, saved anyway. <p>God's full word is not taught so...</p> <p>the church accepts worldly standards and everyone believes they are saved no matter what, just by believing in Christ.</p>

Jeremiah 12:12 The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness: for the sword of the LORD shall devour from the *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.

Jeremiah 12:13 They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, *but* shall not profit: and they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

The Lord doesn't leave anyone out

Jeremiah 12:14 Thus saith the LORD against all mine evil neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.

Jeremiah 12:15 And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.

Jeremiah 12:16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The LORD liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the midst of my people. ([Mt 16:16-18](#))

Jeremiah 12:17 But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the LORD. ([Mt 22:14](#); [Ro 6:16](#); [He 5:8-9](#); [Ac 5:30-32](#))