

Refuge of the Violent

Jeremiah 7:1-11

How will the church be **rebuilt**?

Hear the word of the Lord,
all you men of Judah who
enter these **gates** to **worship** the Lord.

Jeremiah 7:2 (ESV)

Have you seen what she did,
that **faithless** one, Israel? ...

Yet for all this her **treacherous** sister Judah
did not return to me with her **whole heart**,
but in **pretense** ...

Faithless Israel has shown herself
more righteous than treacherous Judah

Jeremiah 3:6,10,11 (ESV)

For from the least to the greatest of them,
everyone is **greedy** for unjust gain;
and from prophet to priest, everyone deals
falsely.

They have healed the **wound** of my people
lightly,
saying, '**Peace, peace**,' when there is no peace.

Jeremiah 6:13-14 (ESV)

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1. (1) [v1-4]
2. (2) [v5-7]
3. (3) [v8-11]

Amend your **ways** and your **deeds**,
and I will let you dwell in this place.

Jeremiah 7:3 (ESV)

Do not trust in these deceptive words:

‘This is the **temple** of the Lord,
the temple of the Lord,
the temple of the Lord.’

Jeremiah 7:4 (ESV)

You believe that **God is one**; you do well.
Even the **demons** believe – and shudder!

Do you want to be shown, you foolish person,
that **faith** apart from **works** is useless?

James 2:19-20 (ESV)

Do I trust in any talismans or mantras?

(2)

if you truly execute **justice** one with another,
if you do not **oppress** the sojourner,
the fatherless, or the widow,
or shed **innocent blood** in this place,
and if you do not go after **other gods**
to your own harm,

Jeremiah 7:5-6 (ESV)

“Is not this the **fast** that I choose:
to loose the bonds of **wickedness**,
to undo the straps of the **yoke**,
to let the **oppressed** go free,
and to **break** every yoke?

Isaiah 58:6 (ESV)

I did **not** speak to your fathers
or command them
concerning burnt **offerings** and sacrifices.

But this command I gave them: '**Obey** my voice,
and I will be your **God**,
and you shall be my **people**.'

And **walk** in all the way that I command you,
that it may be **well** with you.'

Jeremiah 7:22-23 (ESV)

What do you think? A man had **two sons**.

And he went to the first and said,
‘Son, **go and work** in the vineyard today.’

And he answered, ‘**I will not**,’ but
afterward he changed his mind and **went**.

And he went to the other son and said the same.

And he answered, ‘**I go**, sir,’ but did **not go**.

Which of the two did the **will** of his father?”

if you truly execute **justice** one with another,
if you do not **oppress** the sojourner,
the fatherless, or the widow,
or shed **innocent blood** in this place,
and if you do not go after **other gods**
to your own harm,

Jeremiah 7:5-6 (ESV)

then I will let you **dwell** in this place,
in the land that I gave of old
to your fathers forever.

Jeremiah 7:7 (ESV)

Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the
Lord:

Would you build me a **house** to dwell in?' ...

I took you from the **pasture**,
from following the sheep ...

the Lord declares to you that
the Lord will make you a **house**

2 Samuel 7:5,8,11 (ESV)

The God who made the **world** and everything in
it,
being Lord of **heaven and earth**,
does not live in **temples** made by man ...
having determined allotted **periods**
and the boundaries of their **dwelling** place,
that they should **seek God**

Acts 17:24,26 (ESV)

Have I wronged my neighbour, the vulnerable, the innocent, or God?

(3)

“Behold, you trust in deceptive words
to no avail.

Will you **steal**, **murder**, commit **adultery**,
swear **falsely**, make offerings to **Baal**, and
go after **other gods** that you have not known,

Jeremiah 7:8-9 (ESV)

But I say to you that everyone who is **angry**
with his brother will be liable to **judgment** ...

Everyone who looks at a woman with **lustful**
intent
has already committed **adultery** with her in his
heart

Matthew 5:22,28 (ESV)

The **children** gather wood,
the **fathers** kindle fire,
and the **women** knead dough,
to make cakes for the queen of heaven.

And they pour out drink offerings to other gods,
to **provoke** me to anger

Jeremiah 7:18 (ESV)

“Behold, you trust in deceptive words
to no avail.

Will you **steal**, **murder**, commit **adultery**,
swear **falsely**, make offerings to **Baal**, and
go after **other gods** that you have not known,

Jeremiah 7:8-9 (ESV)

and then come and **stand before me**
in this house, which is called by my name,
and say, ‘We are **delivered!**’ –
only to go on doing all these **abominations?**

Jeremiah 7:10 (ESV)

Has this house, which is called by **my name**,
become a **den of robbers** in your eyes?

Behold, I myself have **seen** it,
declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 7:11 (ESV)

When I spoke to you **persistently** you did not
listen,
and when I **called** you, you did not answer,
therefore I will do to the **house**
that is called by my name, and in which you
trust,
and to the place that I gave
to you and to your fathers, as I did to **Shiloh**.

Jeremiah 7:13-14 (ESV)

“And the **foreigners** who **join** themselves
to the Lord, to minister to him,
to **love** the name of the Lord,
and to be his **servants**,
everyone who keeps the **Sabbath**
and does not profane it,
and holds fast my **covenant** —

Isaiah 56:6 (ESV)

these I will bring to my **holy mountain**,
and make them joyful in my **house of prayer**;

for **my house** shall be called
a house of prayer for **all peoples.**”

Isaiah 56:7 (ESV)

Who is our church **safe** for?

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