

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

January 13-19, 2025

Monday:	Jeremiah 3:6-4:4,	Psalms 6
Tuesday:	Jeremiah 4:5-5:31	Psalms 7
Wednesday:	Jeremiah 6	Psalms 8
Thursday:	Jeremiah 7:1-8:17	Psalms 9
Friday:	Jeremiah 8:18-10:25	Psalms 10
Saturday:	Jeremiah 11-12	Psalms 11
Sunday:	Jeremiah 13	Psalms 12

Weekend Reflection

Warnings, though sometimes hard to hear, can be very helpful for us. In fact, biblical warnings can be a means of God's grace to us, to keep us from falling into sin or running after false gods.

Jeremiah is full of such warnings. But many in his own day, would not hear or heed Jeremiah's warnings. And Jeremiah had a warning about that too! Jeremiah 7:8 says, "Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail." Some, while claiming to be prophets, preached a very different message than Jeremiah. While Jeremiah was preaching warning of God's judgement for idolatry, they were preaching peace and acceptance of false worship. Jeremiah's warning: don't listen to deceptive words.

There are many deceptive words preached today, attempting to soften the Bible's warnings, teachings, and moral standards (etc.). We must not listen to them. We must hear Jeremiah's warning.

Don't trust in deceptive words to no avail! Trust God's Word.

SUNDAY SERMON

The sermon on **Sunday, January 19** is on Ephesians 5:11. Take some time to read this thoughtfully before the service to prepare your heart for the preaching of God's Word.

Faith Groups

- Discuss Paul's instructions to us in this verse. What must our posture be towards "works of darkness"?
- How are these works *unfruitful*?
- In what sense do we expose these works?
- What are some present-day examples of these sorts of works?
- How can we both expose works of darkness, **WHILE** being compassionate and loving towards people involved in such works?