

Through The Bible In One Year

The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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Daily Scripture Selection

Week 42

Day 288. Jeremiah 26.1–27.22; 2 Thessalonians 3.1-18;
Psalm 85.1-13; and Proverbs 25.16.

Day 289. Jeremiah 28.1-29.32; 1 Timothy 1.1-20;
Psalm 86.1-17; and Proverbs 25.17.

Day 290. Jeremiah 30.1-31.26; 1 Timothy 2.1-15;
Psalm 87.1-7; and Proverbs 25.18-19.

Day 291. Jeremiah 31.27-32.44; 1 Timothy 3.1-16;
Psalm 88.1-18; and Proverbs 25.20-22.

Day 292. Jeremiah 33.1-34.22; 1 Timothy 4.1-16;
Psalm 89.1-13; and Proverbs 25.23-24.

Day 293. Jeremiah 35.1-36.32; 1 Timothy 5.1-25;
Psalm 89.14-37; and Proverbs 25.25-27.

Day 294. Jeremiah 37.1-38.28; 1 Timothy 6.1-21;
Psalm 89.38-52; and Proverbs 25.28.

Through The Bible In One Year: Week 42 Sunday Worship Lessons

First Lesson (Old Testament): Jeremiah 29.4-14
Psalm: 86.1-10

Second (New Testament) Lesson: 1 Timothy 1.12-17

Theme: Hope For Your Hopeless Situations

Sunday Scripture Selection and Theme Explanation, Week 42:

Life deals us situations where we are helpless and hopeless. How can we not only survive, but prevail spiritually at such dark times. Jeremiah wrote a letter from God to people who had been carried away from their homeland to exile in the country that conquered them. They were essentially prisoners, almost slaves, far from home. They were in danger of giving up hope. The word of God told them to live with hope, to build houses, marry and have children, because a day of deliverance was coming. The promise of God gave them courage and confidence to survive and prevail. Paul, writing to his spiritual son, Timothy, retells how he had persecuted Christians and yet was forgiven and chosen to proclaim Christ. He had been helpless and hopeless, but now, through God's amazing grace, found hope and help for a life that overcame that terrible wrong start and became a pleasing gift to God. Because of who God is—a forgiving God who offers salvations to all who trust in him—hope is available to all in life's hopeless times to all who believe.

Alternate Readings & Themes:

1. **“The Power For Total Transformation”** Through Jeremiah, God promises those who trust in him a new heart. He forgives and forgets all the wrong we have done, and offers a new center and self from which to live a new life. Paul writes to Timothy about that very transformation which God worked in him, turning him from a persecutor of Christ to one who proclaims Christ. That same transforming love and power of God is certainly available to all, if it was available to Paul the persecutor! **Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 85.1-9; 1 Timothy 1.12-17.**
2. **“False Teachers and True: You Need To Know The Difference”.** How can we know the difference between true spiritual teachers and false ones? Conflicting claims are all around us in today's world. What is the true way to God and to life? Not only eternal life hereafter, but the right life we want now depends on knowing the difference between false and true teachers...and being true ourselves. Because he brought a word of correction and warning, Jeremiah was accused of prophesying falsely, and threatened with death. Both he and his message were true however. Paul, writing centuries later, describes false teachers while instructing his young disciple Timothy how to be true. **Jeremiah 26.1-17; Psalm 86.11-17; 1 Timothy 4.1-16**