

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Thus says the Lord: Cursed is the man who trust in man, and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the Lord.

For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited.

Blessed is the man that trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord.

For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes, but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?

I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind.

Even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.

Jeremiah 17:5-10 NKJV

Hello family,

In those verses we are reminded that God wants us to put our trust and our hope in Him, not in man or mans ways.

We see the difference between the shrub in the desert, dry and uninhabitable, for those who put their trust and their hope in man,

(Verses 5-6)

and, the tree planted by the waters where its roots have direct access to water, covered with green leaves and never stops yielding fruit, for those who put their trust and their hope in the Lord. **(Verse 7-8)**

We also are reminded that the heart, the very center of any person, is desperately wicked, **(Verse 9)**

And that not only does the Lord search the heart but He pays close attention to the fruit we produce. **(Verse 10)**

God wants us to be walking with Him, getting to know Him better through reading His word and applying what He says, talking to Him about everything, and truly experiencing Him in every part of our lives.

Not just one or two days in a row, all the time.

Not turning away from Him, **(Verse 5)**, even during those times that we simply don't understand what He is doing.

No matter what happens or is happening in our lives, here's a couple of things that we know for sure:

We know that the One True God, the Creator of the universe and everything in it, loves us and wants His best for us.

We also know that He wants and deserves our complete trust in Him.

This morning as we prepare for and then partake of the elements in the Lord's Supper, lets make sure that we confess our sins to Him.

Lets make sure that all of our trust and all of our hope is in Him and not in some worldly system. Let's make sure that we are committed to Him, and that we are prepared to serve Him fully from sincere appreciative hearts all the time.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Dave Wolff