**The Book of Jeremiah**

CHAPTER THREE: Faithlessness and Defilement

Chapter 3 begins with the stark, metaphoric language that compares the defilement of God’s land to that of prostitution. God fervently complains to Jeremiah. He denounces Judah for her refusal to turn away from idol worship. Even Israel is more righteous, God declares. Jeremiah ends with his own lament and plea for the people to return to a forgiving Creator.

Outline

1. Judah, the Prostitute 1-5
2. Israel, More Righteous; Judah, More Pretentious 6-13
3. A New Day; A New Nation 14-18
4. Jeremiah’s Lament 19-25

Questions for Study

1. God explains that Israel is better in God’s eyes than Judah, even though Israel is “faithless” (V.11-NIV). What might be behind this comparison? What could be the point God is making?
2. In today’s church experience – including ministry and worship – what are examples of behavior that could be compared to idolatry or “prostituting” ourselves before the Lord God?

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