

Lord, Heal My Hurts - Lesson 1

Balm of Gilead	Broken Cisterns
<p>Hurts - lead to wounds - wounds fester and destroy - grow every day if not resolved</p> <p>Gilead - western Jordan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - aromatic medicinal balm - Skilled physicians - Source of healing in the Biblical world (Gen 37:25) <p>Jer 8:22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is there no balm in Gilead? YES THERE IS - Is there no physician there? THERE IS - Why are my people still sick? THEY WON'T USE IT <p>WHY?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pride - Don't believe (indeed has God not said . . .) faith - Don't deserve it - Ignorance <p>God has the ability to heal every hurt, every wound He is the source of our healing</p>	<p>Jer 2:1-13 - 2 things they did</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - forsook the Lord - fountain of living water - Hewed out cisterns - broken - hold no water <p>Broken cisterns = failed, man-made attempts to find healing apart from God - the fountain of living water</p> <p>What are broken cisterns today?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - psychologists - someone else's fault - victim mentality - World - world's ways are really Satan's ways - Witchcraft/astrology - looking to the natural instead of God who is supernatural - Religions - false answers (always centered in self) - Alcohol/drugs - numbing the pain - Immoral relationships - trying to find "love" to fill emptiness - Activities - takes their minds off the pain for a time - proves their worth - Work, entertainment, gambling - distracting and false self-worth - Suicide - make the pain go away permanently - THEY ALL COME AT A PRICE <p>God has a plan - He desires your healing</p> <p>Jer 17:14 - Heal me, save me - You are my praise</p> <p>3 things to learn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how to apply the balm - To follow the physicians instructions - How to give it time to work

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Pains We Bear	History of Judah
<p>Jer 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1-3 - Taking the bones of the dead and spreading them under the host of heaven who they served - 4-17 - the people turned from God and He was bringing judgment on them - 18-22 - Jeremiah's heart ached, pain was beyond healing (18) - there was healing but the people rejected it <p>Wounds and pain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they have the power to destroy - Come from different places - pain is very real - Day to day survival - Sometimes death seems better than life <p>Mess with your head - your heart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Worthless - Hopeless - Dirty, used, cast off - Abuse - Tormented by memories - Never being good enough - "If only's" <p>God has healing - and it's waiting for you</p>	<p>United Kingdom of Israel - Saul - David - Solomon</p> <p>Divided Kingdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Israel - north - 10 tribes - Samaria - Judah - south - 2 tribes - Jerusalem <p>Israel falls in 722 BC at the hands of Assyria</p> <p>Judah saw the judgment of Israel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - participated in the same sins - Broke their nation - Everyone was touched by depravity - Some said peace, peace - Healing eluded them <p>Judah is about to fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God raised up Babylon - 586 BC she was taken captive - Jeremiah describes the brokenness of the people

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Jeremiah 1-2

Jeremiah 3-5

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Jeremiah 6-8

Our Ultimate Source of Healing