A Basket Of Figs

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INTRODUCTION

- Jeremiah had to tell the people, yield to Nebuchadnezzar. If you resist him, it's going to be worse. If you submit to him, then it will go better for you.
- Jeremiah is told, you've got to look at this whole thing differently. They are the ones that I am preserving.
- I want you to notice that the Lord indicates that this was allowed for their good.

1 They Most Likely Felt Mistreated

Ezekiel 18:1–2; Ezekiel 18:20

- Those that are being carried away, this is happening for their good.
- What do you mean when you use the proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge.
- We haven't worshipped the Baals, we haven't sacrificed our children to pagan gods, and yet we are the ones that are being held accountable for that.

2 I Will Set My Eyes on Them for Good

Jeremiah 24:6–7

- Even though God tells Jeremiah this is something that ultimately is going to be for their good, at the time, I would suspect they didn't feel that way about it.
- I think the point is that God was looking to their future.
- God is recognizing there are some things that need to happen so you people will be what you need to be.

3 We Can Expect to Suffer Hardship

Matthew 13:20–21; John 16:33; 2 Timothy 3:12

- For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.
- In the world, you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer. I have overcome the world.
- The great hope we have in Christ is not that serving Christ is going to get me a better job. It is that in serving Christ, I have access to the one that overcame the world.
- All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

4 These Things Can Bring Good

Romans 5:3–4

- We also glory in tribulation. Knowing that tribulation produces perseverance and perseverance character and character hope.

- When bad things happen to the Christian, we are in a position in which we can draw something good even out of the most horrible times of circumstances.
- I want to have a faith that can resist anything, but don't ever test my faith.

5 God Promises He Is Watching Over Us

Hebrews 13:5–6; Matthew 28:19–20

- God promises that He is watching over us even through the most difficult things that we may ever face.
- Be content with such things as you have. For he himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.
- And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
- We have a promise that whatever it is we go through, God is with us. His eyes are on us through those circumstances.

6 God Is Looking to Our Future

2 Timothy 4:16–18; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Romans 8:28–39

- The Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for his heavenly kingdom.
- God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape that you may be able to bear it.
- Hardship is something that can shape our hearts, just like it did those in Judah to turn to the Lord.
- And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to his purpose.
- We are not talking about something in which when we go through some difficulty, God has forgotten about us.

THE CHALLENGE

If nothing else, isn't that a reason to want to be one of his people?

MY NOTES