

A Refuge at all Times

Jeremiah 12:5

“If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?” (NIV)

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“So, Jeremiah, if you’re worn out in this footrace with men, what makes you think you can race against horses? And if you can’t keep your wits during times of calm, what’s going to happen when troubles break loose like the Jordan in flood?” (The Message)

Life at times is like the sign in the shoe repair shop I saw some years ago, “We live in a topsy turvey world.” We are in the midst of things constantly changing and here God says to Jeremiah if you are troubled now, you have not seen anything yet!

What are you going to do when it really gets tough? As the old spiritual says, “Nobody’s seen the trouble I’ve seen.” Sometimes it seems the unrighteous always prospers and the righteous does not. Why does God not move to correct this? That is the question we ask and ponder at times. It is at these intersections in the road of life that we wonder: will there be a break for me? When will my time come? My ship come in?

God tells Jeremiah more is going to come, but hold onto me; I have this under control and will deliver. Seriously? More? When storms come, friends are gone, seems like this world is squeezing in on you, it will feel like you are drowning. There is a refuge for you – in every emergency – a very present help in your time of need. These are not just comforting words, but the promise of God. The assurance we have in these times of life is that God is in control and knows what he is doing. It is to us to trust and rest in Him. It is to be stressed that in it all, trust Him. We must remember as Jeremiah did: God is righteous and promises that he will have compassion on all.

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Point for Prayer:

When you look at the world, with all of its struggles and contradictions, where do you find your refuge?