

# Jeremiah Laments - God Promises

## Jeremiah 15:10-21

- Why was I ever born? v. 10
  - Mom you should have never born me
    - That I would bring strife and contention to the land
  - People don't like me and aren't nice to me
    - I haven't lent or borrowed but yet they curse me
- God promises Jeremiah v. 11
  - I will set you free (from Judgment & Captivity) to do something good (where does God do this?)
  - I will cause the enemy to make supplication to you
    - In the time of disaster and distress
- God turns back to Judah v. 12-14
  - Can anyone crush the northern iron? God asks rhetorically
  - I will give all your treasures as booty
    - WITHOUT COST to your enemy
  - It will be taken, along with you, to a land you do not know
  - I'm angry and you're in my sights
- Jeremiah laments and supplicates v. 15-18
  - LORD, you know—Remember me, I'm your man
    - Take vengeance on my persecutors
    - Please don't take me away
  - I found your words, I ate them
    - They were joyful to me, and now I'm called by your Name
  - I didn't take company with merry-makers or exalt myself
  - Because of you! I sit alone
  - My wounds seem incurable—they aren't healing
    - Am I going to find you unreliable?
- God responds to Jeremiah v. 19-21
  - I see you have run away from your persecutors
    - Return and I'll restore you—you'll stand before ME
    - Extract the precious from the worthless—you'll be my spokesman
    - They may turn to you but you will not turn to them
  - I'll make you a fortified bronze wall
    - They may fight against you but never prevail
    - I AM with you to save you!