



March 13, 2011

**"Disturbing
Texts"**

Jeremiah 19:14-20:2

Message Notes

Jeremiah 19:14-20:2 (NIV) ¹⁴Jeremiah then returned from Topheth, where the Lord had sent him to prophesy, and stood in the court of the Lord's temple and said to all the people, ¹⁵"This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: 'Listen! I am going to bring on this city and the villages around it every disaster I pronounced against them, because they were stiff-necked and would not listen to my words.'" ^{20:1}When the priest Pashhur son of Immer, the chief officer in the temple of the Lord, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things, ²he had Jeremiah the prophet beaten and put in the stocks at the Upper Gate of Benjamin at the Lord's temple.

- 1. Some Are Disturbed by the _____ in the Text.**
- 2. Some Are Disturbed by What They Claim Are _____ in the Text.**

Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you will be like him yourself. Answer a fool according to his folly or he will be wise in his own eyes. (Proverbs 26:4-5)

You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone. (James 2:24)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith...for a life of good works that God has already prepared for us to do. (Ephesians 2:8-10)

- 3. Some Are Disturbed by the _____ of the Text.**

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. (Ephesians 6:5)

If a man is caught kidnapping one of his brother Israelites and treats him as a slave or sells him, the kidnapper must die. You must purge the evil from among you. (Deuteronomy 24:7; see also, 1 Timothy 1:10)

Want to Go Deeper?

- Memorize Proverbs 30:5.
- Reading assignment (disturbing texts): Monday = 2 Kings 2:23-25, Tuesday = Leviticus 20:9-16, Wednesday = Song of Solomon (pick any chapter), Thursday = Mark 10:17-24, Friday = Revelation 20:11-15.
- What teachings of the Bible are most disturbing to you? Why?
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read *Making Sense of Bible Difficulties* by Norman Geisler.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you.