

A person wearing a grey sweater and blue jeans is shown from the back, holding a Bible in their right hand. They are standing on a hill, looking out over a city skyline with a river in the foreground. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the person and the text.

STANDING IN FAITH AT ALL TIMES

SPIRITUAL GROWTH SERIES:
THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH



WEEK 3 -

“HOT & COLD”

Jeremiah 7 & 26

Jeremiah's Message Under King Jehoiakim:

Religious practice without a personal relationship with God leads to disappointment and disaster.



Jeremiah 22:13-17

And the Lord says, “What sorrow awaits Jehoiakim, who builds his palace with forced labor. He builds injustice into its walls, for he makes his neighbours work for nothing. He does not pay them for their labor. ¹⁴ He says, ‘I will build a magnificent palace with huge rooms and many windows. I will panel it throughout with fragrant cedar and paint it a lovely red.’

Jeremiah 22:13-17

¹⁵ *But a beautiful cedar palace does not make a great king! Your father, Josiah, also had plenty to eat and drink. But he was just and right in all his dealings. That is why God blessed him.* ¹⁶ *He gave justice and help to the poor and needy, and everything went well for him. Isn't that what it means to know me?" says the Lord.* ¹⁷ *"But you! You have eyes only for greed and dishonesty! You murder the innocent, oppress the poor, and reign ruthlessly."*

Turned the Temple into a Talisman

*Something that makes you feel good,
giving you comfort, security, assurance*

Jeremiah 7:1-2

- 1** The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:
- 2** “Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the Lord.”

Jeremiah 7:3-4

3 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. **4** Do not trust in these deceptive words: *'This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.'*

Jeremiah 7:5-7

5 “For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, **6** if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, **7** then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.’

WHAT DOES REPENTANCE LOOK LIKE?

Show others that you love God by loving people.

“Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God” Matthew 3:8 NLT

WHAT DOES REPENTANCE LOOK LIKE?

- 1. Thoroughly execute judgment between
a man and his neighbor.**

WHAT DOES REPENTANCE LOOK LIKE?

2. Do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow.

WHAT DOES REPENTANCE LOOK LIKE?

3. Do not shed innocent blood.

WHAT DOES REPENTANCE LOOK LIKE?

4. Do not walk after other gods to your hurt.

Jeremiah 7:8-10

8 “Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail.

9 Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, **10** and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—only to go on doing all these abominations?

Jeremiah 7:11

11 Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 7:13-15

13 And now, because you have done all these things, declares the Lord, and when I spoke to you persistently you did not listen, and when I called you, you did not answer,

14 therefore I will do to the house that is called by my name, and in which you trust, and to the place that I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. **15** And I will cast you out of my sight, as I cast out all your kinsmen, all the offspring of Ephraim.

Jesus can't stand lukewarm Christians

*"I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot.
So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor
cold, I will spit you out of my mouth."*

Revelation 3:15

When was the last time you said,

“I just don’t have enough

of God!”

**If you want to keep standing
in faith at all times then get
hot for Jesus and cold to sin.**

***Set your minds on things that are
above, not on things that are on earth.
For you have died, and your life is now
hidden with Christ in God.***

Colossians 3:2-3