



“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” For the hurt of my people I am hurt. I am mourning; astonishment has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead, is there no physician there? Why then is there no recovery for the health of the daughter of my people?” Jeremiah 8:20 – 22

The prophet, so grieved by the sin he is surrounded by and its effects upon the people, longs to run into the wilderness, far away from this people God has called him to minister to and among. (Jeremiah 9:2). His grief is heavy and his burden for his people great; too great, in fact, as it bears down upon him.

Could this not be our own present situation? Jeremiah faces such a grievous picture of a people wondering why God has not helped them, and yet we have read of their rebellion, stubbornness and refusal to wholly follow the Lord. Is it any different today? It seems we often want God to “honour” His covenant with us, yet we conveniently forget we have our side of that same covenant to uphold – obedience, being led by the Spirit, walking in love and mercy, extending forgiveness and exercising faith!

What of you?

“Lord, help me to uphold what You require of me that I may fully realize all You have made available to me at the Cross of Jesus! (Romans 8:32).)

“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?” (Romans 8:32).

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