



“O LORD... remember me, and visit me, and avenge me of my persecutors... for Your sake I have suffered rebuke. Your words were found, and I did eat them, and Your Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts!” I didn’t sit in the assembly of mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of Your hand... Why is my pain perpetual and my wound incurable, which refuses to be healed? Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream, as waters that fail?”
Jeremiah 15:15 – 18 NKJV

As the Lord’s servant and mouthpiece, Jeremiah is now suffering persecution. He has rejoiced in God’s words and delighted in being called by the name of the LORD. He has conducted himself with integrity of heart and as a consequence is he has now suffered both reproach and isolation from others. Such is often the result of willingness to obey the LORD. “Yea, all that will live godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution.” (2 Timothy 3:12).

Noble? Yes! Spiritual? Most assuredly! But the pain felt is real. The isolation deafening. The questions and temptations difficult... “Where is God?! Has He failed me? Have I failed Him? Did He lie to me? Did I hear Him correctly? Maybe I should have just prayed and not spoken what I thought I heard Him saying? Why can’t I live just the average Christian life?”

Settle the issue now – “The Lord cannot and will not lie to me! I will trust Him even when appearances, emotions, and circumstances may scream at me otherwise. “God is faithful, by Whom *I was* called unto the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” (1 Corinthians 1:9).

“Faithful is he that calls you, who also will do it.” (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

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