

Sinful present

Please read Jeremiah 6-15.

I realize many sins of Judah were historic, but what were some sins particular to Jeremiah's days of prophesying (at least 3). To help you, look specifically at Jeremiah 7. If you can, go ahead and analyze the sins according to our four questions. They are:

- What is the sin?
- What does this tell us about God?
- What's in it for me (how do I relate)?
- What is the application?

Jeremiah 6:15 and 8:12, God says the people have lost the ability to blush. Blushing suggests shame. What are the characteristics of shame which are worth using? When does shame become non-productive? This is an emotional response to sin. What role do you believe emotions play in the life of a follower of God?

What effect does sin have on God? How is God hurt when we sin? Who is hurt more, us or God? Why? What is the point of God's punishment? Look particularly at chapter 11.

Jeremiah (especially in chapters 14 and 15) complains about Judah. Obviously great men of faith do complain. Is complaining something God allows us/encourages us to do? How should we complain? What should we complain about? When does complaining become counterproductive? Is Jeremiah's complaining simply self righteousness?