

Dear Furtherance Prayer and Support Team:

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." (Jeremiah 8:20)

What a difficult place to be. There are three things in the passage:

1. The Harvest is past
2. Summer is ended
3. We are not saved

There were two types of harvest in Jeremiah's day. There was the harvest of the field and the harvest of the fruit. If one failed there was hope in the other. If you did not plant, it was now too late to plant. If both the fruit and field failed, you were in a desperate situation. *There* was no more hope and no more help.

The prophet Jeremiah uses these words to speak to the nation of Israel. He was warning them they had been believing the words of the false prophets who said they did not have to be worried about the Babylonians attacking and they could trust in Egypt to help them. (Jeremiah 7:4,8) They were advised not to listen and not to heed the warnings of men of God like Jeremiah. (Read Jeremiah Chapter 7-9) The political leaders sounded an all is well message and so did the false prophets. The nation came to such a deplorable state that Jeremiah is told to not pray for them anymore. Judgment would be the only option. *"And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the Lord, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not;"* (Jeremiah 7:13) *Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.* (Jeremiah 7:16) A nation is in deep trouble when it is beyond prayer.

It seems to me that we are picking up speed as we move to a total disregard for God and His word. My recent border crossing to preach in the United States came under deep scrutiny. This was beyond normal. There is a sign in my doctor's office that tells me that artificial intelligence formulates the conversation which takes place between me and my doctor. The doctor then will look at that AI report and decide whether it will be entered into my records as AI generated. Perhaps, she may need to tweak it.

Exponential growth is when a quantity grows at a rate directly proportional to its present size. Someone told me the following story. If you have a pond behind your house and you have a Lily pad that experiences exponential growth, it will look like this. You look out your window today and there is one Lily pad. Tomorrow there are two and the next day there are four, because exponential growth keeps doubling. You look out one morning and your pond is half full of Lily pads and the next morning the pond is completely full. That is an amazing growth. It happens at an amazing speed. Could it be that the growth of sin and

rebellion has come to the point where the events of the end times could unfold quickly? I will leave that in God's hands and cry out with Abraham, *"shall not the judge of all the earth do right?"* (Genesis 18:25)

The last part of the verse in Jeremiah says, *"and we are not saved."* That is my concern as we seek to preach the gospel message. People need to be saved.

Our schedule is quite full now. We are a bit tired after having come back from Africa to a full road schedule. Furtherance Ministries now has a new Website. Check it out and let us know your thoughts – www.furtheranceministries.com

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. We also have our own YouTube channel. We will probably get into using this more in the New Year. That is where you will find most of the videos and music.

Prayer

- Pray that God will strengthen us as we battle the world, the flesh and the devil.
- Pray for souls to be saved and the saints of God to be revived.
- Pray for Africa. Because of the starvation in Malawi people come and steal the harvest. We do have a guard but have now added another guard. Recently, our solar pump was stolen. This meant no water for the crops. We have also discovered that the solar panels do not work as well when it is cloudy. The solar pump has now been replaced and we also have a diesel pump for back up. We will need to have a power wall where we can store the power on sunny days and draw from it on cloudy days. We have fortified the pump area and placed it inside a building. Pray for wisdom.

Praise

- We have seen people saved.
- My PA system stopped functioning. It is an old system which has now become obsolete. I was able to find a used system, which was exactly the same. It is working well. Praise the Lord.
- God has met our needs as a small ministry and continues to bless despite us.
- Praise God for a team of prayer warriors out there and faithful supporters. We are indebted to you.

Keeping on keeping on for Christ,

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