

## A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF MESSAGE EIGHT

### God's Economy with His Dispensing in the Book of Jeremiah

- I. Jeremiah 17:7-8 says, "Blessed is the man who trusts in Jehovah / And whose trust Jehovah is. / And he will be like a tree transplanted beside water, / Which sends out its roots by a stream, / And will not be afraid when heat comes; / For its leaves remain flourishing, / And it will not be anxious in the year of drought / And will not cease to bear fruit":
- A. These verses refer to God's economy carried out by His dispensing
1. God as the fountain of living waters (2:13a)
  2. The tree grows beside water by absorbing all the riches of the water into it; this is a picture of God's dispensing.
- B. In 1 Corinthians 3:6, where Paul says, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth"; the watering is for the tree's absorbing, and the absorbing is the receiving of God's dispensing; we need to have hidden times of fellowship with God.
- II. In Jeremiah 17:19-27 we have a word about keeping God's Sabbath; the way to keep God's Sabbath is to enjoy Him, to rest in Him, and to be satisfied in Him as the fountain of living waters:
- A. In Exodus 31:12-17, there is a repetition of the commandment to keep the Sabbath.
- B. As God's people, we must bear a sign that we rest with God, enjoy God.
- D. This is to keep the principle of the Sabbath with Christ as the inner rest in our spirit.
- III. The book of Jeremiah is an abstract of the entire Bible; Jeremiah's prophecy indicates that only Christ can fulfill God's economy:
- A. Jeremiah speaks of Christ, in the fulfilling of God's economy, being our righteousness and our redemption (23:5-6), of God being the fountain of living waters (2:13), of Christ being our food (15:16), and of Christ as the reality of the new covenant with all its blessings (31:31-34; Heb. 8:8-12):
- B. Christ is the reality of the new testament, the new covenant.
- C. Christ is now executing the new covenant, which He has bequeathed to us as a testament, interceding for us and ministering to us that we may realize, experience, and enjoy all the bequests contained in the new testament.
- D. If we would receive the application of all the blessings in the new covenant, we need to be those who respond to Christ's heavenly ministry.
- E. We need all twenty-seven books of the New Testament to define Jeremiah 31:31-34.