

A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF MESSAGE THREE

The **Two Evils** of God's People and God's **Faithfulness** in Fulfilling His **Economy**

- I. **Jeremiah, a book full of speaking concerning Israel's sin and God's wrath, chastisement, and punishment, reveals that God's intention in His economy.**
Psa. 36:8-9 They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, / And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures. For with You is the fountain of life; / In Your light we see light. ↓
- II. **“My people have committed two evils; / They have forsaken Me, I The fountain of living waters, / To hew out for themselves cisterns, / Broken cisterns, / Which hold no water”—Jer. 2:13.** ↓
- III. **We need to see God's faithfulness in fulfilling His economy:**
Lam. 3:23b Great is Your faithfulness.
- A. Although we are unfaithful, God is faithful (Lam. 3:23b):
2. 1 Corinthians 1:9 says that God is faithful in calling us into the fellowship of His Son.
 5. We need to realize that in allowing us to have troubles, God is faithful in His purpose to turn us from idols and bring us back to Himself; so that we may drink of Him as the fountain of living waters.
 7. God is faithful in leading us into His economy (1 Cor. 1:9; 1 Thes. 5:23-24), and His economy is for us to drink Christ, to eat Christ, to enjoy Christ, to absorb Christ, and to assimilate Christ so that God may have His increase with us to fulfill His economy.
- B. If we realize that we have been unfaithful to God, we may repent and weep, but then we should begin to drink of the living waters, praising God, giving thanks to Him for everything, and enjoying Him (1 Thes. 5:16-18):
5. There is no need for us to worry about our situation; God is patient, sympathetic, and compassionate, and He will take the time to make us mature.