

A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF MESSAGE TWO

The **Kernel** of the Book of Jeremiah

- I. **The kernel of the book of Jeremiah includes three matters—what God wants from us, what we are in our fallen condition, and what Christ is to us.**
- II. **What God wants from us** is mentioned mainly in Jeremiah 2:13, which reveals that our God is the fountain of living waters:
- Jer. 2:13 For My people have committed two evils: / They have forsaken Me, / The fountain of living waters, / To hew out for themselves cisterns, / Broken cisterns, / Which hold no water.
- A. God's intention in His economy is to be the fountain, the source, of living waters to satisfy us for our enjoyment.
- D. God's goal in being the fountain of living waters is to produce the church as His increase to be His fullness for His expression.
- III. **Another aspect of the kernel of the book of Jeremiah is the exposure of what we are in our fallen condition**
- A. "The heart is deceitful above all things,/ And it is incurable;/ Who can know it?"—17:9.
- B. "Can the Cushite change his skin,/ Or the leopard his spots?/ Then you also may be able to do good, I Who are accustomed to do evil"—13:23.
- IV. **The third matter in the kernel of the book of Jeremiah is what Christ is to us:**
- A. "Indeed, days are coming, / Declares Jehovah, / When I will raise up to David a righteous Shoot ... / And this is His name by which He will be called: / Jehovah our righteousness"—23:5-6
- B. Christ Himself is the new covenant, the new testament, of life given to us by God—31:31.
2. The old covenant of the law is a portrait of God, but the new covenant of grace is the person of God.
 3. Our spirit is the "bank account" of all the bequests of the new covenant.
 4. The center, the content, and the reality of the new covenant is the inner law of life (Rom. 8:2).