

SOHL
WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS



"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"

The injustices in life

February 5, 2018

JEREMIAH 22:13 NKJV – (13) “Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness and his chambers by injustice, *who* uses his neighbor’s service without wages and gives him nothing for his work, **(14)** Who says, ‘I will build myself a wide house with spacious chambers, and cut out windows for it, paneling *it* with cedar and painting *it* with vermilion.’

This prophecy scornfully condemned King Jehoiakim (**Verse 18**) for the sins of injustice and oppression. During Nebuchadnezzar’s first invasion of Jerusalem, King Jehoiakim was taken captive to Babylon. He was later released and given a dishonorable burial outside of Jerusalem.

The word “woe” is clearly understood to be a judgment, just like the woes mentioned in the Book of Revelation. God tells us that the one who builds his house by unrighteousness by making “his neighbor serve him for nothing and does not give him his wages” will receive God’s judgment someday unless they repent (**HEBREWS 9:27**). By not giving this neighbor their wages, it may well mean that this employer is exploiting his employees, making a fortune on them, not paying wages that are rightly due them. This problem is evident throughout the world today.

It is not always monetary. In fact, many who serve in leadership roles take advantage of their subordinates. There are injustices in life, but believe me when I say, “Nobody gets away with nothing!” We all must face the Lord! No revenge needed! God will repay! Keep your eyes on Him and pray for those who persecute and misuse you.

SCRIPTURE READING

PROVERBS 27:1

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When God delays, He delays for a greater purpose.