



## OBVIOUSLY SUFFERING

(AND DON'T KNOW WHY.)

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**JEREMIAH 17:5-6 NKJV** – (5) Thus says the LORD, “Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the LORD. (6) For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited.

God is holy and He cannot look upon sin, while man is a sinner who has a sin nature which is always and forever at enmity with God. This state of affairs causes a total and eternal separation to exist between God and man - and between man and God.

Israel's idolatry worsened as the centuries passed and they spurned their gracious God and despised His precious promises. They turned their hearts away from the Lord preferring to trust in their own wisdom and strength, while they chased after the false gods of the surrounding nations and trusted in the hollow alliances of pagan kings - rather than depending on the Lord their God.

Jeremiah was one of God's holy prophets who was called to chastise the Israelites and warn them of the serious consequences of their gross idolatry and continuing unbelief. The people were spiritually blind!

How do I know this? God told Jeremiah that Judah's spiritually blind people would look him in the eye face and ask, “Why has the Lord declared all this terrible disaster against us? What is our iniquity? What is our sin that we have committed against our Lord our God (**JEREMIAH 16:10-13**)?”

Many have missed class (The word of God) and therefore, they are suffering. The sad part is they don't know why. Let us pray.

**SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 14:17-20**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Ego says, “Once everything falls into place, I feel peace.” Spirit says, “Find your peace and then everything will fall into place.”