



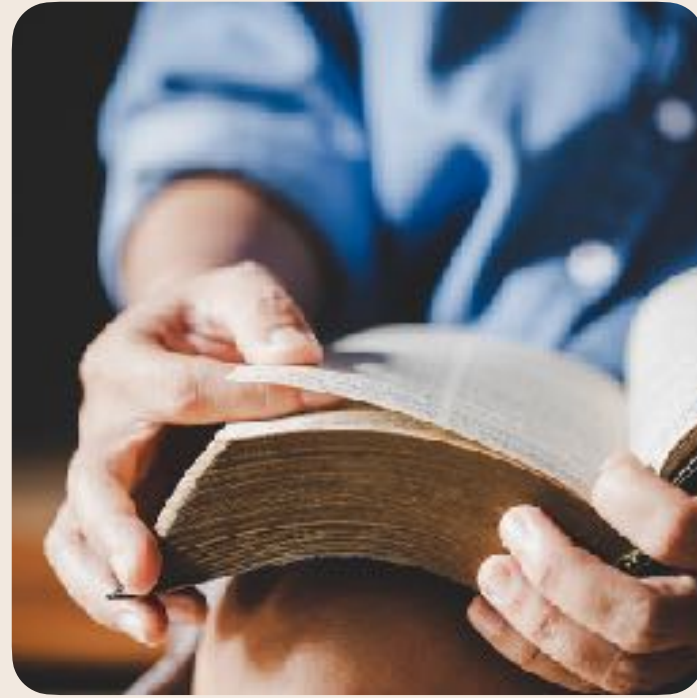
Pursuing Kingdom Excellence

How to be blessed

Jeremiah 17:1—14

To find out how we can be blessed by God even during tough times.





Jeremiah 17:1–2

“**1** Judah’s sin is engraved with an iron tool,
inscribed with a flint point,
on the tablets of their hearts
and on the horns of their altars.

2 Even their children remember
their altars and Asherah poles
beside the spreading trees
and on the high hills.”

The stunted shrub



“**5** ‘This is what the Lord says:
‘Cursed is the one who trusts in man,
who draws strength from mere flesh
and whose heart turns away from the
Lord. **6** That person will be like
a bush in the wastelands;
they will not see prosperity when it
comes.
They will dwell in the parched places of
the desert, in a salt land where no-one
lives.”



5 'Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh.'



“**7** But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.

8 They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

The planted tree





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How to be blessed even when the heat comes

Trust in the Lord;
Put your roots into Him.

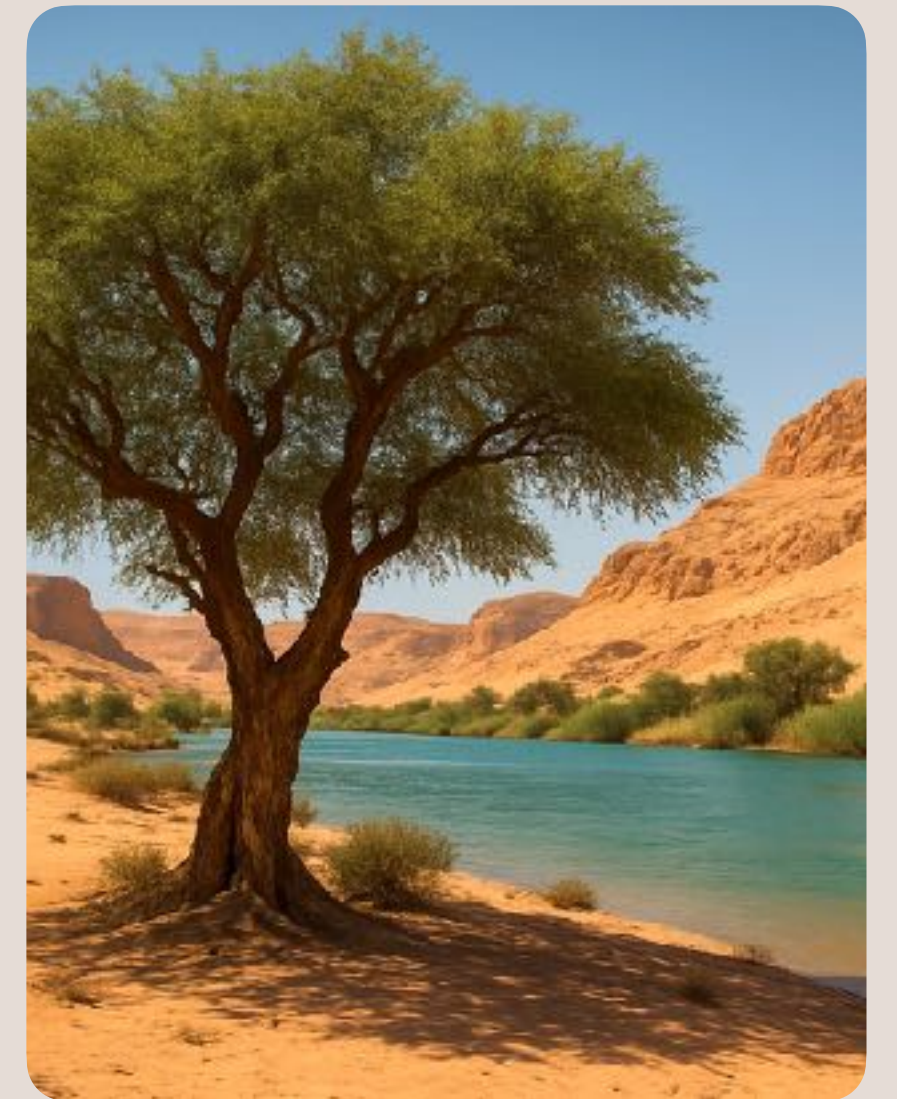


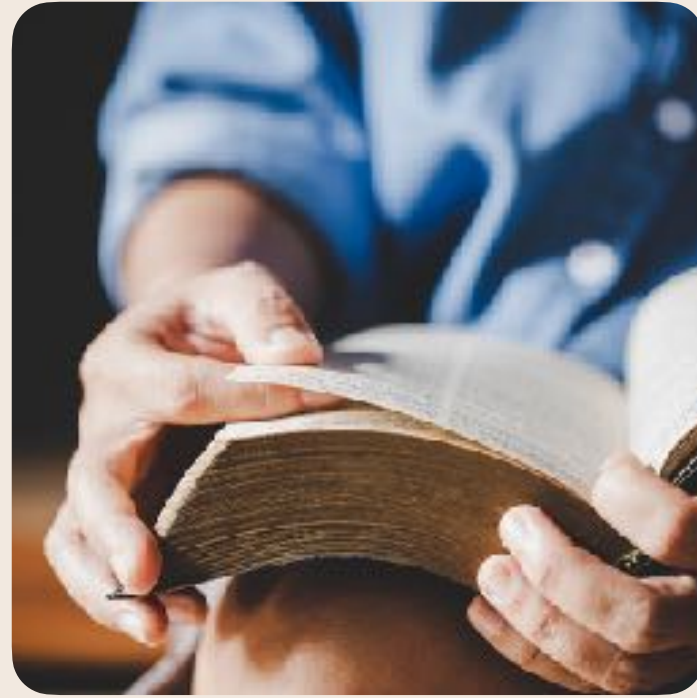
How will you live?



Trusting yourself, drawing
strength from ‘mere flesh’?

Or trusting the Lord, putting
your confidence in Him?





***Jeremiah
17:9–10***

“**9** The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.

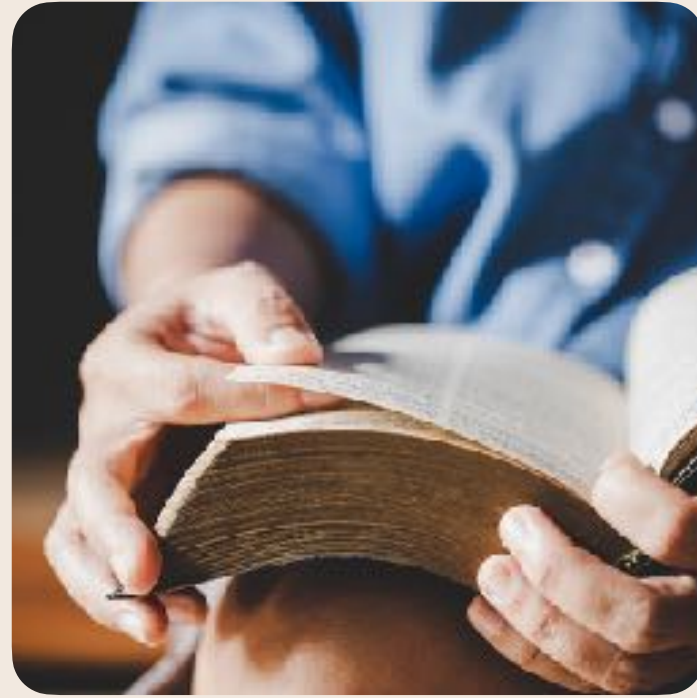
Who can understand it?

10 ‘I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.’”



Jeremiah 17:14

“14 Heal me, Lord, and I shall be healed;
save me and I shall be saved,
for you are the one I praise.”



***Jeremiah
17:13***

**“13 Lord, you are the hope of Israel;
all who forsake you will be put to shame.
Those who turn away from you will be
written in the dust
because they have forsaken the Lord,
the spring of living water.”**

Jeremiah 2:13



“13 My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”

“**6** And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. **7 Let your roots grow down into him,** and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. **8 Don’t let anyone capture you** with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.”



Colossians 2:6-8

*Here is where I lay it down
Every burden, every crown
This is my surrender
Here is where I lay it down
Every lie and every doubt
This is my surrender
And I will make room for You
To do whatever You want to*



The
planted
tree



The
stunted
shrub