

Hearing God's Call

Jeremiah 1:1-10

I. God's Gracious Call to Action (1:4-5)

- A. Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.
- B. Before you were born I set you apart.
- C. I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:19-20

II. Jeremiah's Concerns (1:6)

- A. Personal fear

When he saw her, he tore his clothes and said, "Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low, and you are among those who trouble me; for I have given my word to the LORD, and I cannot take it back." Judges 11:35 (NASB)

So the king of Israel went with the king of Judah and the king of Edom; and they made a circuit of seven days' journey, and there was no water for the army or for the cattle that followed them. Then the king of Israel said, "Alas! For the LORD has called these three kings to give them into the hand of Moab." 2 Kings 3:9-10

- B. Lack of eloquence
- C. Lack of experience

III. God's Gracious Response (1:7-10)

- A. Obedience, not experience (1:7)
- B. Trust, not fear (1:8)
- C. My Word, not your words (1:9-10)

IV. Conclusion

- A. The important thing isn't success; it's faithfulness.
- B. The greatest reward of ministry is to become like Jesus Christ.