



# FACE TO FACE

A SERMON SERIES ON PRAYER

Prayer and The Heart

**(Jer 29:1)** These are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders of the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

**(Jer 29:2)** This was after King Jeconiah and the queen mother, the eunuchs, the officials of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, and the metal workers had departed from Jerusalem.

**(Jer 29:3)** The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. It said:

**(Jer 29:4)** “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

**(Jer 29:5)** Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce.

**(Jer 29:6)** Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease.

**(Jer 29:7)** But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

**(Jer 29:8)** For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream,

**(Jer 29:9)** for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the LORD.

**(Jer 29:10)** “For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.

**(Jer 29:11)** For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

**(Jer 29:12)** Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.

**(Jer 29:13)** You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

**(Jer 29:14)** I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

**(Jer 29:12)** Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.

**(Jer 29:13)** You will seek me and find me, **when you seek me with all your heart.**

**(Luke 6:45)** The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, **for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.**

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## **1. Prayer Reveals Our Hearts.**

**(Zech 13:8)** “It will come about in all the land,” Declares the LORD, “That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it.

**(Zech 13:9)** “And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. **They will call on My name,** And I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people,’ **And they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”**

**(1 John 1:9)** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**(Psalm 51:10)** Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

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- 1. Prayer Reveals Our Hearts.**
- 2. Prayer Refines Our Hearts.**

**(Ezek 36:26)** And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

**Ezek 36:27)** And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

**(Matt 9:36)** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

**(Matt 9:37)** Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

**(Matt 9:38)** therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

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- 3. Prayer Compels Our Hearts to Action.**