

Going Against Wind and Tide
Lessons from the Prophet Jeremiah
Contending with Mr. By-ends (#1)

Scripture: Jer. 5:30-31

I. Introduction: Pilgrim's Progress and Mr. By-ends

His two great principles of religion

- 1) never go against wind and tide
- 2) be zealous only when religion is popular

II. Introduction to this series

A. Going against wind and tide

B. The structure of the series

1. Part One: Perilous times will come
2. Part Two: Divine antidotes for perilous times

III. Introduction to Jeremiah

A. Jeremiah's times

1. Jer. 1:1-3
2. Incredibly unstable times.
3. Times of spiritual unrest

B. Jeremiah's Book

1. An outline
 - I. Jeremiah's Call (1)
 - II. Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem (2-25)
 - III. Jeremiah's Controversy with the False Prophets (26-29)
 - IV. The Book of Consolation (30-33)
 - V. Prophecies from the times of Jehoiakim and Zedekiah (34-39)
 - VI. After the Fall of Jerusalem (40-45)
 - VII. Oracles Against the Nations (45-51)
 - VIII. Appendix on the Fall of Jerusalem (52)
2. Heavily influenced by Hosea

3. Jeremiah in the NT

C. Jeremiah, the man and the prophet

1. The suffering servant

2. The persecuted prophet

IV. Application of Mr. By-ends

1. Jeremiah's day

2. Contemporary American culture

3. Contemporary Evangelical culture

4. To ourselves