

**Going Against Wind and Tide**  
**Lessons from the Prophet Jeremiah**  
**The Old Paths (#13)**

Jer. 6:9-16

**I. The Call to “Stand By and See”**

- A. Stand by the ways and see
  
- B. The call to consideration
  
- C. The call to resist the current!!

**II. The Call to “Ask for the Old Paths”**

- A. Ask for the old paths
  
- B. Where the good way is
  
- C. Walk in it
  
- D. You will find rest for your souls

**III. Application to the contemporary Church**

- A. There is a disdain for the old paths today
  
- B. Jer. 6:16 and other Biblical texts direct us to consider the following:
  - 1. Biblical doctrines
  - 2. Biblical history

3. Christian history
  4. Christian biography
  5. Christian heritage and tradition
- C. The benefits of such considerations
1. The old paths help us to detect error and false teaching.
  2. The old paths cause us to evaluate our view of God and our worship of Him
  3. The old paths cause us to evaluate our view and application of the Scripture to all of life.
  4. The old paths provide a paradigm of faith and practice, doctrine and experience.
  5. The old paths encourage us in our afflictions.
  6. The old paths motive us to greater maturity and greater service Christ.

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