

"Man, by his fall into a state of sin, has wholly lost all ability of will to any spiritual good accompanying salvation . . ."
(Westminster Confession of Faith 9.3a)

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AN OUTLINE FOR TODAY'S SERMON

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THE VALUE OF EVIL MEN

Jeremiah 12:1-6

**I. Doctrine: God's Saints _____ Evil Men, in order to
Grow**

A. --This is Because The Lord Always Employs
_____, (Lk. 22:42)

B. . . . And These are Not Always _____,
(Jud. 2:22-23)

**II. God's _____ of Evil Men, in the Churchman's Life,
vv. 1-6**

A. _____ is Required, to Endure the "Prosperity" of the
Wicked, vv. 1-2

B. _____ is Engendered, at The Lord's Righteous Deal-
ings with Sin, vv. 3-4

C. _____ for Perseverance is Developed, against the
Backdrop of Difficulty, vv. 5-6

**III. The Saint's Proper _____ to the Existence of
Evil Men**

A. --_____ to God, that He Supplies Tools for
[my] Sanctification, (Rom. 7:24-25a)

B. --_____, Realizing that [I] also [am] Lost Out-
side of Jesus, (Titus 3:3)

Key Verse--v. 1: "*Righteous are you, O LORD, when I complain to you; yet I would plead my case before you. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all who are treacherous thrive?*" (ESV)

Aim: To be thankful to God for His sovereign work--even in employing wickedness
(for our good)