

Baruch: Our Motives in Serving God

Luke 14:25-33

Count the Cost

- ▶ Luke 14:25-33 – Consider the cost.
 - There are certain things in this life that we must give up in order to serve God acceptably.
 - Luke 17:5,7-10
- ▶ Mark 10:35-44
 - Even the apostles struggled to understand this.
- ▶ Mindset is still common today: What can this church/God do for me that I should serve Him?

Jeremiah—The Prophet

- ▶ 40 years as a prophet of God.
- ▶ Jeremiah 26:1-3, 8, 20-24
 - Jeremiah and the true prophets of God saw great persecution for faithfulness during Jehoiakim's reign.
- ▶ Jeremiah 11:21-23-Persecutions
 - Men of Anathoth (hometown) wanted to kill him. (Jeremiah 20:1-2; 18:11-12,18)
- ▶ Jeremiah 27:14-18– False prophets abound

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- ▶ Jeremiah 25:1-7 (4th year of Jehoiakim)
- ▶ Jeremiah 36:1-10
 - Jeremiah 36:18-19
 - Jeremiah 36:26

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- ▶ Jeremiah 45 (likely occurs between 1st and 2nd writing of scrolls)
 - 45:1-2 – Consider also Elijah (cf. 1 Kings 19:14ff)
 - 45:3 – Accuses God of unfairness
 - ▶ Matthew 5:11-12; Hebrews 11:32-39
 - 45:4-5 – Do you seek great things for yourself?
 - 45:5 – "...your life to you as a prize..."
 - ▶ Revelation 2:7, 10; 3:5; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; Romans 12:1