

Back to Egypt

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Jeremiah 40-45.
- B. This is the account of what happened after the destruction of Jerusalem.
- C. The people have not yet reached the bottom and they are filled with sin.

II. One of the most important things we can do is to recognize the flesh. (Jeremiah 17:9)

- A. It is wrong to be suspicious of everybody but it is also a weakness to be naïve.
- B. The danger of the flesh is that it makes us think that the very thing that is wrong is right.
- C. The evil heart makes us fear all things that we are not supposed to fear.
- D. Many try to twist God in order to justify actions of the flesh.
- E. The flesh leads us to trust in baseless hopes.
- F. The flesh blames other people.

III. The judgment that falls upon the people is that they lose all sense of God's presence in the world.

IV. The only answer to the flesh problem is the cross that puts it to death and the resurrection that gives another life in its place. (Jeremiah 10)

Application questions:

1. How does Jeremiah show the importance of recognizing the flesh?

2. What is the solution to the flesh problem? Explain.

3. How do you struggle with the flesh? How can the solution the speaker recommends be applied to your specific situation?
