

Text: Jeremiah 3

I WILL HEAL YOUR BACKSLIDINGS

(I) AWARENESS OF THE GRAVE PROBLEM OF BACKSLIDINGS

"You backsliding children..." Jeremiah 3:22

1. Defining what backsliding is

- a) It is turning away from God and being wayward
- b) It is the heart relapsing / reverting to sin and error again
- c) It is a recurring problem of many backslidings (**Jeremiah 14:7**)

2. The treachery of deliberate backsliding (Jeremiah 3:10)

3. The consequences of backsliding

- a) Those backsliding will be rebuked by it (**Jeremiah 2:19**)
- b) No blessing from God (**Jeremiah 3:3**)
- c) The Lord's anger and judgment (**Jeremiah 3:12**)

(II) DEEP APPRECIATION OF GOD'S UNDERGIRDING LOVE IN HEALING OUR BACKSLIDINGS

1. Healing is an act of God and of His love

2. Undergirding everything is God's great love

- a) A Father's deep love (**Jeremiah 3:4**)
- b) A Husband's deep love (**Jeremiah 3:14**)

3. Expressions of this undergirding love

- a) The Lord's longsuffering
- b) The Lord's repeated offer of healing
- c) The Lord's staying of execution of judgment (**Jeremiah 3:12**)

(III) THE ACT OF HEALING OUR BACKSLIDINGS - RESTORATION

1. Repenting of our sins (Jeremiah 3:13, 25)
2. Returning to God (Jeremiah 3:1, 12)
3. Re-establishing our relationship with God as our Father through prayer

"My Father, You are the guide of my Youth" Jeremiah 3:4

"You shall call Me, "My Father!" Jeremiah 3:19

(IV) HAVING A POST HEALING ASPECT

1. Having spiritual feeding from good pastors (Jeremiah 3:15)
 - a) Knowledge
 - b) Understanding
2. Putting away sins (Jeremiah 4:1)
3. Having spiritual steadfastness (Jeremiah 4:1)
4. Being blessed in God (Jeremiah 4:2)