

Text: Jeremiah 6

**“ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS WHERE THE GOOD WAY IS”**

**(I) THE DILEMMA OF THE PEOPLE**

**1. Forsaking of God, the fountain of living waters (Jeremiah 2:13, 17, 19)**

- a) Repeated many times
- b) To show gravity of this sin

**2. Hewing broken cisterns that can hold no water (Jeremiah 2:13)**

- a) Foolishness
- b) Forgone conclusion as to the worth of the broken cisterns

**3. Wickedness (Jeremiah 2:19)**

**4. From a noble vine to a degenerate one (Jeremiah 2:21)**

**(II) THE WAY OUT OF THIS DILEMMA**

**1. Re-consideration of the present ways**

- a) Threat of War (**Jeremiah 6:1-7**)
- b) Covetousness (**Jeremiah 6:13**)
- c) Superficiality (**Jeremiah 6:14**)

**2. Re-consideration of the old ways**

- a) Stand in the old ways and see (**Jeremiah 6:16**)
- b) Ask for the old paths, where the good path is (**Jeremiah 6:16**)
- c) Walk in it (**Jeremiah 6:16**)
- d) Then you will find rest for your souls (**Jeremiah 6:16**)

**3. Re-consideration words of warning**

- a) Warning from the watchmen of the city
- b) Listen to the sounds of the trumpets warning of invasion (**Jeremiah 6:17**)

### **(III) SAD DECISIONS**

#### **1. Negative Response**

*"We will not listen"* **Jeremiah 6:17**

#### **2. Results of this decision**

- a) Fruit of their thoughts (**Jeremiah 6:19**)
  - i) They have not heeded My words (**Jeremiah 6:19**)
  - ii) They have rejected My law (**Jeremiah 6:19**)
- b) Stumbling blocks would appear
  - i) Fathers and sons will fall
  - ii) Neighbours and friends will perish (**Jeremiah 6:21**)

### **(IV) PLEA OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH**

#### **1. Dress in sackcloth (Jeremiah 6:28)**

#### **2. Make mourning as for an only son (Jeremiah 6:28)**