

b. Alternative challenges to Yieldedness

Very briefly, the ministry and action of Shemaiah (29:24) gives us such a picture. Acting against the prophetic message, he calls for the imprisonment of Jeremiah (29:27) and seeks a rebuke for the prophet from the priestly line...to which Jeremiah belongs. In his language we see the alternates to yieldedness...and in one short phrase it is (they are): exercise of self will. The judgment pronounced by Jeremiah is very much to the point (29:31-32) and it emphasizes that a lack of yieldedness is rebellion before the Lord. But it is still away that appeals to many.

In the light of this we can only offer a short note: Since God controls the present and the future, it is only reasonable that we see ourselves in and under His hands. Belief in the predictions calls for submission to God.

4. Conclusion: Until yieldedness is known and practiced almost everything else is a mockery. We may well note that when we were saved we were completely yielded...or we could not have been saved. The challenge is to remain in that state of attitude before the Lord. It is the basic issue ...it is the first order of business.

c. Information About Tomorrow is Intended to Improve the Spiritual Level of Our Lives Today. (Jeremiah 30)

1. Introductory Notes

Why talk of the future anyway? We have a preoccupation with it and books that are written about it often become best sellers even though they may say very little. Fortune tellers and soothsayers (to say nothing of mediums, spiritualists, and the like) seem always in demand no matter how many times their words may not come to pass. The fact is that we are all concerned about the future for itself...but also for today.