

must, for help and strength, turn to Jehovah and be in the benefit of His will.

4. Conclusion

This point needs much more amplification than we can give it in these brief notes. But it is important to state it again and again. The knowledge of future things should improve the quality of life today. If we believe Christ is coming, if we believe the program of wickedness will multiply, if we believe there is a program of God to offset it...such knowledge of the future should be productive in yieldedness and trust in the areas where we now live.

D. Trust in God Will Show Itself in Godly Living (Jeremiah 31)

1. Introductory Notes

This is an exciting chapter. It shows in great detail God's program of restoration for a covenant people that will seem disenfranchised for a period. God's kindness to them and the manner of His regathering of the remnant is a classic study in the justice of God. The chapter not only includes Judah but also Ephraim... long (722 BC) ago victim of the judgment of God for its repeated sin. The chapter speaks of the new covenant which God will institute in a state that approaches perfection and it works with the concept of unique blessing for the eventual people of God. In some ways it is one of the most theologically interesting chapter in the book but that is not the point of this study (or of this series). We are concerned with the concepts from it (and the previous chapters) that reveal a great principle or practice to us. It is simply: those who trust God demonstrate it in godly living...or in movement in accord with His will.

2. The Contest

The problem that emerged with both Judah and Ephraim was simply one concerning the manner of response one makes to the dealing of God. Would there be a