

# **Four Seasons of Life**

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## I. Introduction. (Jeremiah 8:22)

- A. The harvest had passed and no salvation had come.
- B. Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, was heart-sick for his people.
  - 1. Alien troops would come and take Israel into captivity.
  - 2. This was the direct result of Israel's disobedience.
  - 3. Jeremiah was hurt with the hurt of his people.
    - a. Jeremiah could be as frank as he desires, because he was a man who was hurt by his peoples wounds.
    - b. He loved his people.

## II. The sins of Israel.

- A. They were liars.
- B. They were thieves.
- C. There was stubbornness.
- D. There was disobedience.

## III. The message to Jeremiah.

- A. The opportunity had passed.
- B. If a man knows that a bridge is out, and a man deliberately drives on to his death he is responsible for it.
  - 1. No one is in hell or heaven by accident.
  - 2. No one wakes up a Christian.
  - 3. Israel could have foreseen and avoided their course.
- C. Christians treat sin too much like a disease today.
  - 1. Jesus is not a Savior who whimpers over His people.
  - 2. This is a watered down form of Christianity that makes Christ pathetic.

D. Sin is our own fault.

1. The one who gets us in sin, cannot get us out.
2. Once you are in that same one does not care to get you out either.

E. For our part it is most important to be witness to the salvation found in Jesus Christ.

IV. The four seasons of our life in God.

A. The spring time-our childhood and youth.

1. We desire to know God and do not have so many questions.
2. It is a time of joy.

B. Summer time is the time of maturity.

1. A person becomes too busy to become right with God.

C. Autumn-later to middle life.

1. Very few people come to Christ at this age.
2. You are still reasonably young, but there is a sense of disappointment and despondency.
3. It is a time of sadness.

D. Winter-old age.

1. In Christ it is a ripe shock of corn waiting for the harvester.
2. Out of Christ it is a tragedy.
3. Rarely do people come to Christ in the snow.

V. Some rush through all the seasons too early-they age too fast.

A. It is to be blamed on Satan.

B. But it is also to be blamed on the money grabbing entertainers and their propaganda.

1. Instead of investing in family and children, they invest in their own things.
2. Where would we be if John Wesley's mother never had him, the seventeenth child?

**Application questions.**

1. What gave Jeremiah room to speak to the people about their sins? What does this say about when we are to address others for their wrongdoings.

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2. What is the effect of diminishing our responsibility for sin? What should our proper reaction be to a real understanding of sin?

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3. What lessons can one learn from the speaker's stages of life concerning evangelism? How can you adjust to the aging process and use it for God's glory?

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