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THE GREAT CONSPIRACY

Jeremiah 11:1-17 and Proverbs 1:20-33

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A **conspiracy** exists.

CONSPIRE

to agree together, especially secretly,
to do something wrong, evil,

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a. The evil one conspires.

1 PETER 5:8 (ESV)

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

EPHESIANS 6:11 (ESV)

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

JAMES 4:7 (ESV)

Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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- a. **The evil one conspires.**
- b. **Our flesh conspires.**

PASTOR STEVEN SMITH
"We are a living conspiracy."

ROMANS 7:18-19 (ESV)

18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me,
that is, in my flesh.

ROMANS 7:18-19 (ESV)

For I have the desire to do what is right,
but not the ability to carry it out.

ROMANS 7:18-19 (ESV)

19 For I do not do the good I want,
but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How has the devil tried to conspire against you to make you not listen to God and experience His goodness?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How are you most prone to conspire against yourself?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Do you believe in aliens?

JEREMIAH 11:1-5 (ESV)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:

JEREMIAH 11:1-5 (ESV)

2 "Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

JEREMIAH 11:1-5 (ESV)

³ You shall say to them, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:
Cursed be the man who does not hear the words of this covenant

JEREMIAH 11:1-5 (ESV)

⁴ that I commanded your fathers when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Listen to my voice,

JEREMIAH 11:1-5 (ESV)

and do all that I command you. So shall you be my people,
and I will be your God, ⁵ that I may confirm the oath that I swore

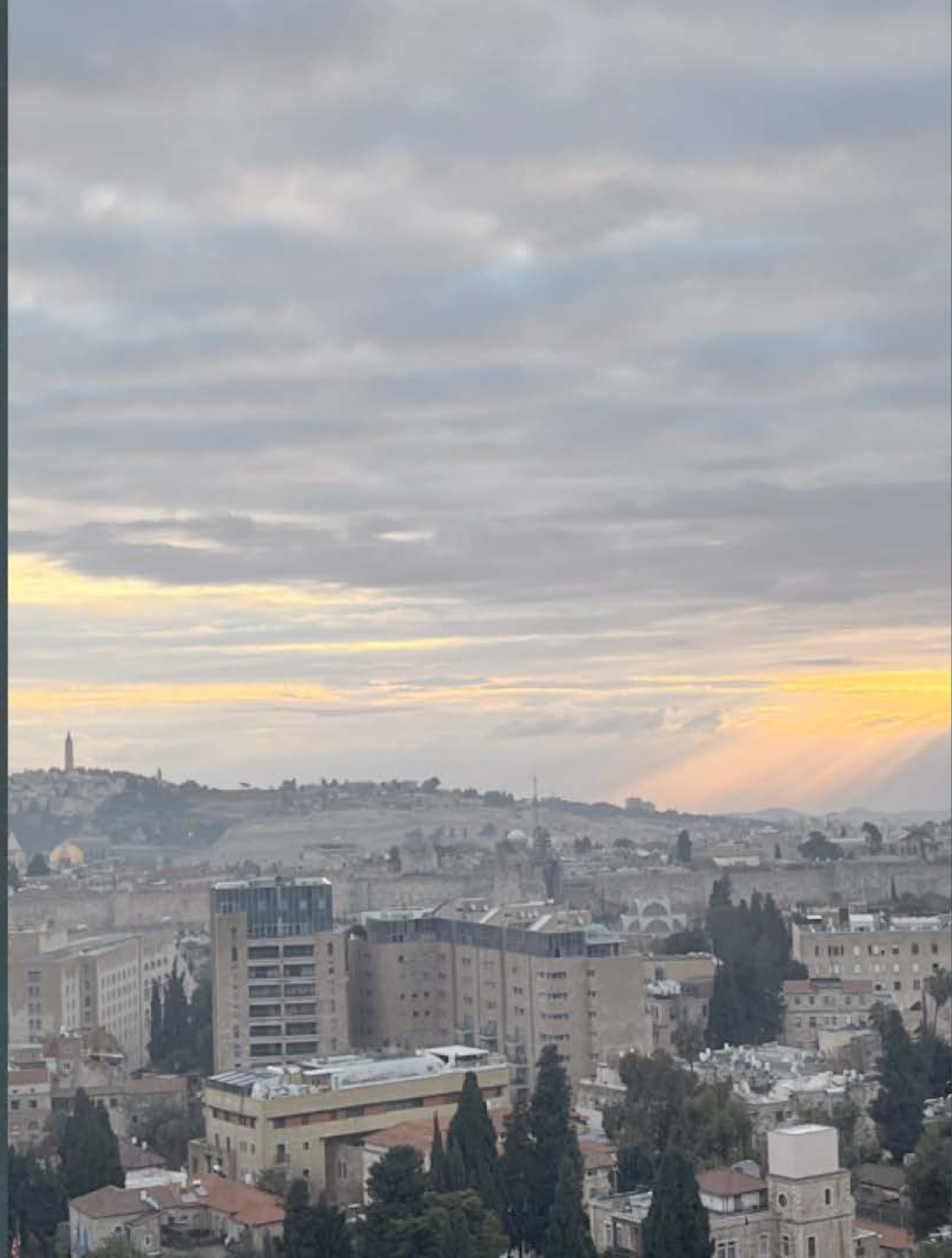
JEREMIAH 11:1-5 (ESV)

to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey,
as at this day." Then I answered, "So be it, Lord."

JEREMIAH 11:3 (ESV)

Cursed be the man who does not hear
the words of this covenant...









JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

6 And the Lord said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem:

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

Hear the words of this covenant and do them.

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

7 For I solemnly warned your fathers when I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, warning them persistently,

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)
even to this day, saying, Obey my voice.

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

8 Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone walked in the stubbornness of his evil heart.

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

Therefore I brought upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they did not."

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

9 Again the Lord said to me, "A conspiracy exists among the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

10 They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers,
who refused to hear my words.

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

They have gone after other gods to serve them.

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant that I made with their fathers.

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

¹¹ Therefore, thus says the Lord, Behold, I am bringing disaster upon them that they cannot escape.

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

Though they cry to me, I will not listen to them.

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

¹² Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go
and cry to the gods to whom they make offerings,

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

but they cannot save them in the time of their trouble.

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

¹³ For your gods have become as many as your cities, O Judah,

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

and as many as the streets of Jerusalem are the altars
you have set up to shame, altars to make offerings to Baal.

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

¹⁴ "Therefore do not pray for this people,
or lift up a cry or prayer on their behalf,

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

for I will not listen when they call to me in the time of their trouble.

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

¹⁵ What right has my beloved in my house, when she has done many vile deeds? Can even sacrificial flesh avert your doom?

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

Can you then exult? ¹⁶ The Lord once called you 'a green olive tree,
beautiful with good fruit.'

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

But with the roar of a great tempest he will set fire to it, and its branches will be consumed.

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

17 The Lord of hosts, who planted you,
has decreed disaster against you,

JEREMIAH 11:6-17 (ESV)

because of the evil that the house of Israel and the house of Judah have done, provoking me to anger by making offerings to Baal."

JEREMIAH 11:7 (ESV)

Obey my voice.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What warning signs is God giving you in your life that you are in danger of ignoring?

2

We either walk in **obedience** or walk in the **stubbornness of our evil hearts.**

JEREMIAH 11:9 (ESV)

Again the Lord said to me, "A conspiracy exists among the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

JEREMIAH 11:14 (ESV)

"Therefore do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer on their behalf, for I will not listen when they call to me in the time of their trouble."

PROVERBS 1:20-33 (ESV)

²⁰ "Wisdom cries aloud in the street,
in the markets she raises her voice;

PROVERBS 1:20-33 (ESV)

²¹ at the head of the noisy streets she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

PROVERBS 1:20-33 (ESV)

22 "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?

PROVERBS 1:20-33 (ESV)

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?

PROVERBS 1:20-33 (ESV)

²³ If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you;
I will make my words known to you.

PROVERBS 1:20-33 (ESV)

²⁴ Because I have called and you refused to listen,
have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded,

PROVERBS 1:20-33 (ESV)

25 because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,

PROVERBS 1:20-33 (ESV)

26 I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when terror strikes you,

PROVERBS 1:20-33 (ESV)

27 when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

PROVERBS 1:20-33 (ESV)

28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently but will not find me.

PROVERBS 1:20-33 (ESV)

²⁹ Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,

PROVERBS 1:20-33 (ESV)

³⁰ would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof,
³¹ therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way,

PROVERBS 1:20-33 (ESV)

and have their fill of their own devices. ³² For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them;

PROVERBS 1:20-33 (ESV)

33 but whoever listens to me will dwell secure
and will be at ease, without dread of disaster."

3

Listening to God brings His **blessing**.
Not listening to God brings His **consequences**.

APPLICATION QUESTION

What has God been loudly communicating to you?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What is God calling you to do?
Where do you need to listen and obey today?

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Align your **life** with God's **will today...**
specifically with **Jesus**.

J. ANDREW DEARMAN

"'Trying harder' in secular terms
is a Band-Aid on a mortal wound."

ROMANS 7:24-25 (ESV)

²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!