## The Legacy of a Godward Life Jeremiah 17:1-11 (<u>Page #519</u> in Pew Bible)

- I. A Godward life \_\_\_\_\_\_ the true God above the culture's sinful and shifting value system. (17:1-4)
  - A. An idolatrous heart values creation greater than the Creator.
  - B. God does overlook sin—He will allow a godly heritage to be rot and be removed as part of His righteous judgment against idolatry.
- II. A Godward life manifests \_\_\_\_\_\_ evidence of God's blessing by consistently bearing godly fruit. (17:5-8)
  - God blesses every person who exclusively trusts in Him.
  - B. God curses every person who trusts in man instead of trusting in Him alone.

- C. A heart that fully trusts in God will be blessed with godly confidence, spiritual depth, and righteous abundance.
- A heart that opposes God will not bear spiritual fruit and will be spiritually malnourished and barren.
- III. A Godward life \_\_\_\_\_\_ in God's wisdom and understanding through \_\_\_\_\_\_ submission and sacrifice. (17:9-11)
  - A. All who continue following their own hearts are deceived fools and will be punished by God with spiritual failure and eternal loss.
  - B. All who pursue godliness through biblical obedience will be rewarded by God with spiritual success and eternal reward.

**Big Idea:** Pursue a Godward heart that is engraved with marked faithfulness to God's Word.

"There are just two choices on the shelf, pleasing God, or pleasing self." (Ken Collier)