



Decisions & Consequences

Jeremiah 9:23-24

The Times

- ❖ Jeremiah – the weeping prophet (for Judah & God)
- ❖ Habakkuk: 609 – 598
- ❖ Jeremiah: 630 – 580
- ❖ A message of judgement on Judah for their extensive idolatry

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The Contrast

- ❑ **Self-centred**: self-made, achievers
(profession, position & possessions)
- ❑ **God-centred**: growing intimacy with Him,
understanding & knowing *(right relationships,
right decisions, right living)*

A matter of balance, perspective & priorities

Nothing wrong wisdom, strength & riches

BUT

Where do they fit in life?

Decisions & consequences

Every decision we make has consequences. We can make a decision, but we don't determine the consequences of that decision. Nobody ever did, or ever will, escape the consequences of their choices.

The Process

- ✓ Priority: “boast” in God (Matt 6:33)
- ✓ Balance: “Things that are seen don't last forever, but things that are not seen are eternal. This is why we keep our minds on the things that cannot be seen.” (2 Cor 4:18)
- ✓ Nurture: knowing & understanding God; develop your relationship with Him. Effort, patience and perseverance

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