

## The Heart of Man

⇒ **Text:** Jeremiah 17:9

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⇒ **Intro:**

- We probably all of heard someone say something like this, "Basically deep down you can find good in everyone's heart" or "Everyone is good at heart"
- All I can say that individual did not get that information from the Holy Bible.
- Maybe they got from some psychiatrist or psychologist.
- Today, together we want from the very words of God to see what God's says about the heart of man and then see how man can correct the condition of his heart.

⇒ **I. MAN HAS A DEPRAVED HEART**

- **See Gen. 6:5, 8:21**
- A. The word imagination, translated in Gen. 6:5, signifies that not only the imaginations, but also the purposes and desires of man's heart are evil.
- B. The word evil means to be bad or depraved; literally: filled with corruption.
  - Both a spiritual and a moral condition.
  - **See Mark 7:20-23.** vs 21 - fountainhead of all evil
- C. This is a man's moral condition before God, even from his youth. **Gen. 8:21**

• **See Psalm 51:5** - even at birth

⇒ **II. MAN HAS A DECEITFUL HEART**

- **See Jeremiah 17:8-9**
- A. Jeremiah uses two words to describe the unregenerate heart.
  - 1. **Deceitful** - a polluted heart.
  - 2. **Desperately wicked** - "incurable."
  - So wicked that it is past repair.
- B. This opinion is not Jeremiah's but the Lord's.
  - **See Jeremiah 17:10**

⇒ **III. MAN HAS A "DARKENED HEART"**

- **See Rom. 1:21**
- A. Man possesses a darkened heart and cannot understand the things of God.

• **See Ephesians 4:18**

○ B. Man cannot understand spiritual truth unless it is revealed to him.

• **See 1 Corinthians 2:10-14**

⇒ **Despite the awful and wicked condition of man's heart -**

⇒ **IV. MAN CAN HAVE A DELIVERED HEART**

○ **See Romans 10:9-10**

○ A. It is necessary to believe the gospel of Christ. - Romans 10:9.

○ B. It must be believed with "the heart" - with all that man is. - Romans 10:10.

○ C. Notice what the Apostle Paul said to Romans, chapter 6, verse 17.

• "...obeyed from **the heart** that form of doctrine which was delivered you."

⇒ **Conclusion:**

*→ what doctrine was delivered them I Cor 15:1-4*

○ We know that Christians are not perfect or sinless.

• So, what are we to do when our hearts get dirty from sin in our lives?

○ Notice what the man after God's own heart King David did when he found himself in that condition.

• **See Psalm 51:1-10**

○ Notice things have not changed much from David's time to ours as far as what to do to get right with God.

• **See 1 John 1:6-10**

*C. those who trust their heart Prov 28:26*

*D. set to do evil Eccl 8:11*

*E. Man's heart is Mad Eccl 9:3*