

Transforming Daily
“... before I formed you in the womb I knew you ...”
Jeremiah 1:5

Jeremiah was a prophet to Judah. God commissioned him and commanded him to go forth and proclaim the impending destruction that awaited Judah if they would not return to Him. The book has two interesting storylines. The first storyline concerns the life and calling of Jeremiah. The second storyline concerns the children of Israel, in particular of the Southern kingdom, Judah, with respect to their response to God’s Word through Jeremiah. Ultimately, except for a remnant, Judah, like Israel, was destroyed for their continuing disregard for God and His Word.

Whereas the book of Jeremiah concerning his life and that of the children of Israel, Judah, is historical, there is application for the 21st century believer. One application for the 21st century believer is to understand that God is Omniscient. That means God knows everything. Nothing ever occurs to God. He is in ultimate control of initiating, sustaining and completing life. Just as He knew Jeremiah before he was formed in his mother’s womb, God knew you and me before we were formed in our mothers’ womb. Another application from this text is that just as God called, commissioned, and commanded Jeremiah to proclaim His Word to the children of Israel, God has called, commissioned, and commanded the 21st century believer to proclaim His Word to the whole world. A third point of application from Jeremiah for the church is to remain steadfast (if a believer is wayward he/she is to repent) in devotion to God and not to be deceived by the cunning ways of the enemy. The 21st century believer is to keep in mind that, if what happened to the children of Israel, happened to the children of Israel, it can happen to the church (Romans 9-11).

My wife is very gifted and talented in many ways. I have seen her bring to life many types of crafts, musical scores (on the piano, flute and with her voice), Vacation Bible School programs (she could write a book on the dos and don’ts of VBS), Home school curriculum, the interior of every place we’ve ever lived, and create meals of all sorts (sometimes it seemed from nothing). The experiences have never ceased to amaze me of the knowledge that she had about herself, the projects, the materials involved in the endeavors, and everyone and everything that it would influence even before one material thing was produced.

Do you believe that God has infinite knowledge? Do you believe that He has a purpose for your life? Do you believe that he has called, commissioned, and commanded the believer to proclaim His Word? Do you live what you say you believe? Can you hear Him say, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you?”