

Chapel 2/5/74

## JEREMIAH

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As you know the verse division in the Bible was put in very early long before the chapter divisions of course. But some of them are very queer; some of them we just wonder why they were made the way they are because they either interrupt the thought or they combine two different thoughts together and often that misleads us in our understanding. I did not notice until yesterday in fact that in Heb. 11:35 there is a division, a sharp division of thought, and really there ought to be two different verses there.

I'm going to read now Heb. 11:32-35a. "And what shall I more say (reading text . . .).

"Women received their dead raised to life again" Up to this point we have a description of God's wonderful blessings to His people who achieved great victories and great accomplishments through his faith. But then we continue:"And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance that they might obtain a better resurrection . . . "(reading text)...they wandered . . . in caves of the earth." Right there in the middle of vs.35 we have as you see a sharp distinction. Before that we have these to whom God gave great victories; these who seemed to go on wings of joy and God enabled them to accomplish great things. From there on we have those who seemed to fail; those who suffered fee Christ; those who seemed to accomplish nothing; those who had disappointments after dissapointment. There are some fate who have the one faith and some who have the other. Most people have a mixture of both. But Jeremiah is one of the greatest of the prophets but one who fell to a very large extent in the latter categorg.

Before we get to Jeremiah let's again pause to glance at the Psalms. Let's look at the first psalm. In the first psalm we read: about the man who follows the Lord as described in vs. 1-2. Vs. 3 says he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in 1