

Jeremiah & Lamentations

I am the LORD

WHO PRACTICES STEADFAST LOVE, JUSTICE & RIGHTEOUSNESS



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THE MAIN POINT OF JEREMIAH'S FIRST SERMON

*The Lord confronts our appalling choices
and their awful consequences so that
we'll live in awestruck devotion to him.*

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3. God desires and demands our faithful devotion to him.

“You are a prostitute and are completely unashamed.
Yet you say to me...

‘Surely you won’t be angry about such a little thing!
Surely you can forget it!’

So you talk, and keep right on doing all the evil you can.”

— Jeremiah 3:3-5 NLT

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“Idolatry is always the reason we ever do anything wrong.
...There is something you feel you must have to be happy,
something that is more important to your heart
than God himself.”

— Timothy Keller, *Counterfeit Gods*