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## **THE SURE WORD by Jonnie Hutchison**

### **“What Will We Do in the End Thereof?”**

In the days of Jeremiah, the nation of Judah had embraced idolatry and rejected God. Their rejection of God would bring them into captivity as their northern neighbor, Israel, had already experienced. Despite Jeremiah’s warnings of their coming activity, the people of Judah refused to believe him. Instead they are described in Jeremiah 5:31 with these words, “The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?” Obviously, the false prophets told the people what they wanted to hear rather than what they needed to hear. They spoke lies and the priests agreed with their false prophecies. But Jeremiah asked a very important question. Though the people believed the false prophets and priests “what will we do in the end thereof?” In other words, the deception of the people would not save them from captivity in the end. The captivity was certain whether the people believed it or not!

Many today have the idea that God will save everyone regardless of whether they choose to live in harmony with His will or not. However, Jesus taught there are two ways one may walk in this life – the strait and narrow way that leads to life or the broad way that leads to destruction. His conclusion regarding the “broad way” was that “many go in by it” while “few” choose to walk the way that leads to life” (Matthew 7:13-14). Yes, one may believe God will save everyone but “what will we do in the end thereof?”

Some religious groups reject the idea of eternal punishment in hell for sinners. Their argument is that God is so loving that He would not allow anyone to be punished in hell forever. Yet, Jesus taught concerning the wicked, “these shall go away into everlasting punishment....” (Matthew 25:46). The Bible tells us that those who “know not God” and “obey not the gospel will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord...” (2 Thess. 1:8-9). Yes, one may reject the reality of eternal punishment in hell but “what will we do in the end thereof?”

The book of Psalms declares, “Forever O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven” (Psa 119:89). God’s Word does not change simply because one chooses to reject what it says. What was true in the days of Jeremiah is still true today. The end will be as God has said whether one believes it or not. If you choose to reject God’s plan for your salvation “what will YOU do in the end thereof?”

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