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Jeremiah – Chapter 7

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Stand at the gate of the Holy One’s house and there proclaim this message:

“Hear the word of God, all you people of Judah who come through these gates to worship God.

This is what the Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place. Do not trust in deceptive words and say, “This is the temple of God, the temple of God, the temple of God!”

If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your ancestors for ever and ever. But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless.

Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal and follow other gods you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, “We are safe”—safe to do all these detestable things? Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching! declares the Holy One.

Jeremiah – Chapter 9

This is what God says:

Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches but let the one who boasts do so about this:

that they have the understanding to know Me, that I am the Eternal One, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,”
declares the Holy God.