

## **A Word for the Backslider**

### **Jeremiah 3:6-17**

Do you believe the Lord can redeem a person who has backslidden? Sadly, many who were once faithful have turned away and as a result, are discouraged in the possibility of being restored back to God. In light of this, how should we defend God's Word and encourage them to return? In a portion of this prophetic book, Jeremiah recalls a time when God told him to preach a message to Israel, inviting them to return to an everlasting fellowship with the Lord. Who can you share this message of hope with today?

"Who is a God like you, forgiving iniquity and passing over rebellion for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not hold on to his anger forever because he delights in faithful love." -Micah 7:18

*Three Encouraging Attributes About the Lord for the Backslider*

- **The Lord is Aware of the Backslider: (v. 6-10)**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **The Lord is Merciful with the Backslider: (v. 11-13)**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **The Lord is Good to the Backslider: (v. 14-17)**

#### **Application:**

- ✓ What area in your life is the Holy Spirit leading you to repent from? Write it down and act on it immediately.
- ✓ In your prayer time, ask God to grant you the wisdom and courage to have a change of mind and heart that leads to changed behavior.

**Meditate on the following scriptures:** Psalm 86:5; Lamentations 3:22-23; Matthew 11:28-30; Romans 2:4

"The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance." -2 Peter 3:9