

## The Year of Harvest

### Prayer Guide

#### Week 48

### The Year of Harvest – The Fruit of Rejecting God’s Word

*Listen, all the earth! I will bring disaster on my people. It is the fruit of their own schemes, because they refuse to listen to me. They have rejected my word.*

#### Jeremiah 6:19 (NLT)



**Prayer Focus:** Most of our meditations concerning “fruit” have been of those positive fruits of our lives. Here, God describes a very negative consequence of what this translation calls the fruit of their schemes. How important is this warning? Jeremiah begins this verse by saying, “Listen, all the earth!” This is a truth, a consequence that everyone needs to understand. Interesting that this lesson is not limited only to the people of Israel at the time. The Lord wants the whole world to learn this lesson and pay attention to this important lesson. What is that lesson? That the Lord will bring disaster on His people, and this is the fruit of their own schemes. What is it that would be so terrible to God that He would bring disaster to His own people, and that He wants the whole world to understand? This must be something that is very important to the heart of God. And indeed it is. Here it is: They refuse to listen to Him, and they had rejected His word. The book of Jeremiah has the greatest number of verses that say or imply that over the years the people of God did not listen to the warnings that God gave them over and over again, and encouraging them to return to Him. It is a serious thing to reject the word of the living God. It is worth our careful diligence to examine our attitudes and our lives to determine if there are areas in our lives where we are not listening to the Word of God, or where we are rejecting His word in favor of our own preferences. The consequences are tragic.

**Day 1:** Spend time thinking of how serious this issue is to the heart of God to be said in this way.

**Day 2:** Examine your life. Are there areas in which you are not listening to God’s Word or rejecting it’s correction?

**Day 3:** Ask the Lord to help you to accept and obey His Word no matter how difficult it might seem.

**Day 4:** Commit yourself anew to a lifestyle of obedience to all of the Word of God.

**Day 5:** Pray for your church leadership to preach and model reception and obedience to God’s Word.

**Day 6:** Pray for other churches in your city to be faithful in proclaiming the whole counsel of God.

**Day 7:** Pray that the missionaries you know will live and proclaim the need to receive and obey God’s Word.