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“The Necessity and Insufficiency of the Law”  
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# Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD:  
“Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

## Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)

<sup>6</sup> He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.  
He shall dwell in the parched places of the  
wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

## Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,

## **Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)**

and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

# Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)

<sup>9</sup> The heart is deceitful above all things,  
and desperately sick;  
who can understand it?

## Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)

<sup>10</sup> “I the LORD search the heart  
and test the mind,  
to give every man according to his ways,  
according to the fruit of his deeds.”

## **Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)**

<sup>13</sup> O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living water.

## **Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)**

<sup>14</sup> Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;  
save me, and I shall be saved,  
for you are my praise.

# Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)

<sup>15</sup> Behold, they say to me,  
“Where is the word of the LORD?  
Let it come!”

## Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)

<sup>16</sup> I have not run away from being your shepherd,  
nor have I desired the day of sickness.  
You know what came out of my lips;  
it was before your face.

## **Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)**

<sup>23</sup> Yet they did not listen or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck, that they might not hear and receive instruction.

## Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)

<sup>31</sup> “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,

## **Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)**

<sup>32</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt,

# **Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)**

my covenant that they broke,  
though I was their husband,  
declares the LORD.

## **Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)**

<sup>33</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD:

## **Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)**

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

## **Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)**

<sup>34</sup> And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD.

# Jeremiah 17 & 31 (select verses)

For I will forgive their iniquity,  
and I will remember their sin no more.”

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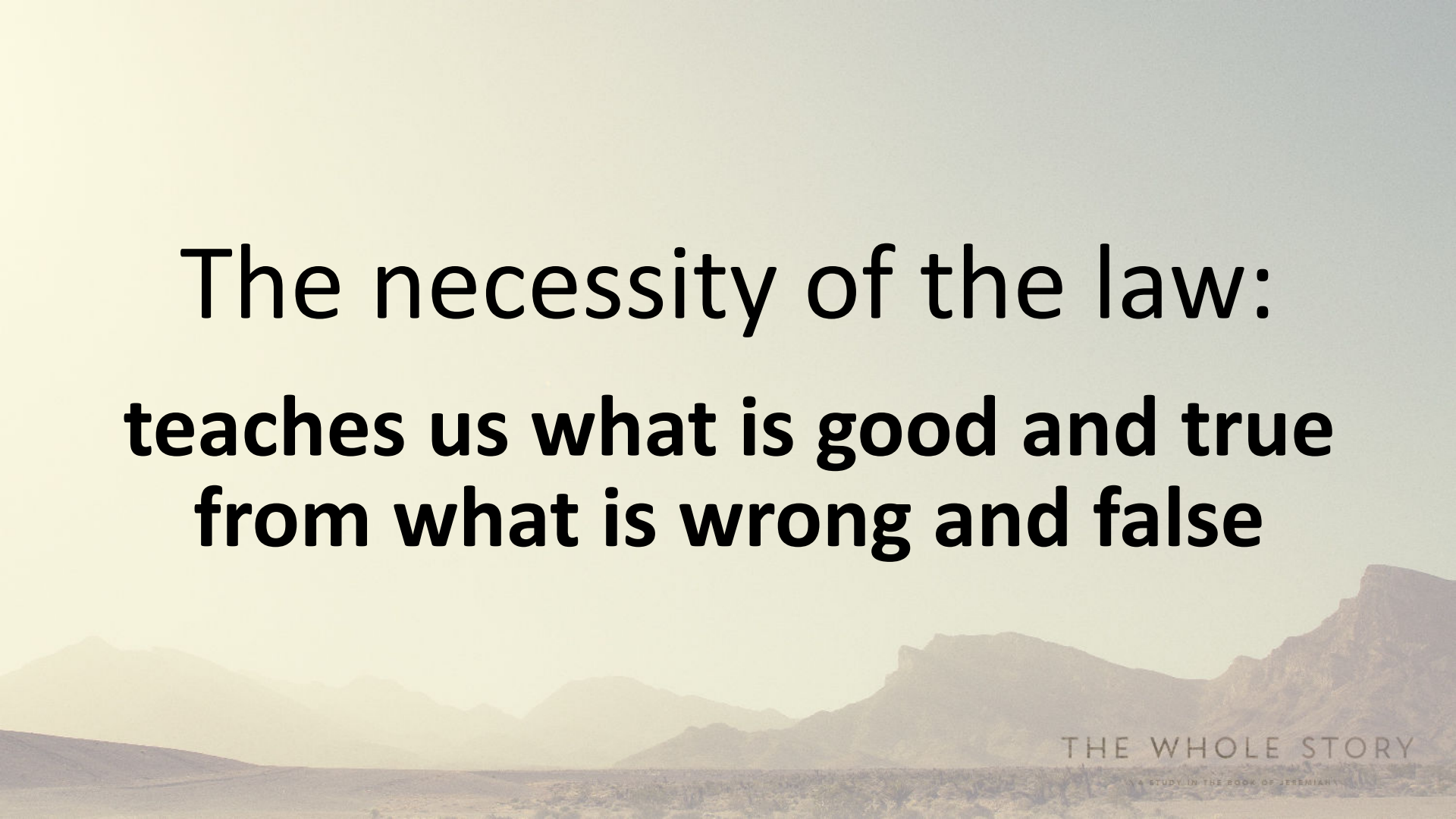
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**The necessity of the law:  
teaches us what is good and true  
from what is wrong and false**

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## Jeremiah 17:5-6

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

## Jeremiah 17:7-8

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

## **Jeremiah 17:13**

O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living water.



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## Deuteronomy 4:40

Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for all time.



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**The insufficiency of the law:  
it can't make us new, holy,  
or desire to follow**



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## **Jeremiah 17:23**

Yet they did not listen or incline their ear,  
but stiffened their neck, that they  
might not hear and receive instruction.



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# Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things,  
and desperately sick;  
who can understand it?



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The fulfillment of the law:  
a new heart, given not earned

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**I will make** a new covenant. (Jeremiah 31:31)

**I will put** my law within them. (Jeremiah 31:33)

**I will write** it on their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:33)

**I will forgive** their iniquity. (Jeremiah 31:34)

**I will remember** their sin no more. (Jer. 31:34)



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