<u>Two Ways – Two Choices</u> <u>Jerimiah 17:5-8</u>

Intro: Trust me, it's easy HELP! I'VE FALLEN AND CAN'T GET UP

Thr human heart is guilty of trusting man and not God!

****Every one has to deal with God Jeremiah compares-

Jeremiah's comparisons *-some reject and deny God's will

*-Others love and have fellowship with God

Judah trusted arm of the flesh – his own wisdom and power *****Any who trust man's power and wisdom would be utterly

disappointed and eventually cursed!

*****some people have a wrong relationship with God

V. 5 Rejection of God: Glorification of man

Stunted bushes in a dry land

V. 6 result-hopeless sort of existence Live as though in a Barren ,empty salt desert totally barren

ILL. The rich man with many barns

ILL. Moses on Mt Sinai

Science very limited medical advances very limited

Triages will always happen aging death happens

SIN STILL DESTROYS

*****Some people have a right relationship with God

V. 7 Basis - Dynamic faith in God a continual dependance on His grace

Will withstand all trials, temptations, hardships &misfortunes

V. 8 life of hope and confidence Rich spirituality

A sinner saved by grace

ILL. Job

They will be blessed

They will be nourished

They will not fear the blazing trials of life CONQURER

They will always produce fruit

******A relationship to God, whether right or wrong is based on individual choice.

***God wants us to choose blessing over curse & life over death

Deuteronomy 30:19 I am now giving you the choice between life and death, between God's blessings and God's curse and I call heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. CHOOSE LIFE

***Jesus Christ came to bring abundant life (John 10:10).

****Choosing Faith in Jesus Christ =a right relationship to God is found

Romans 5:1 "Now that we been put right with God through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ!"