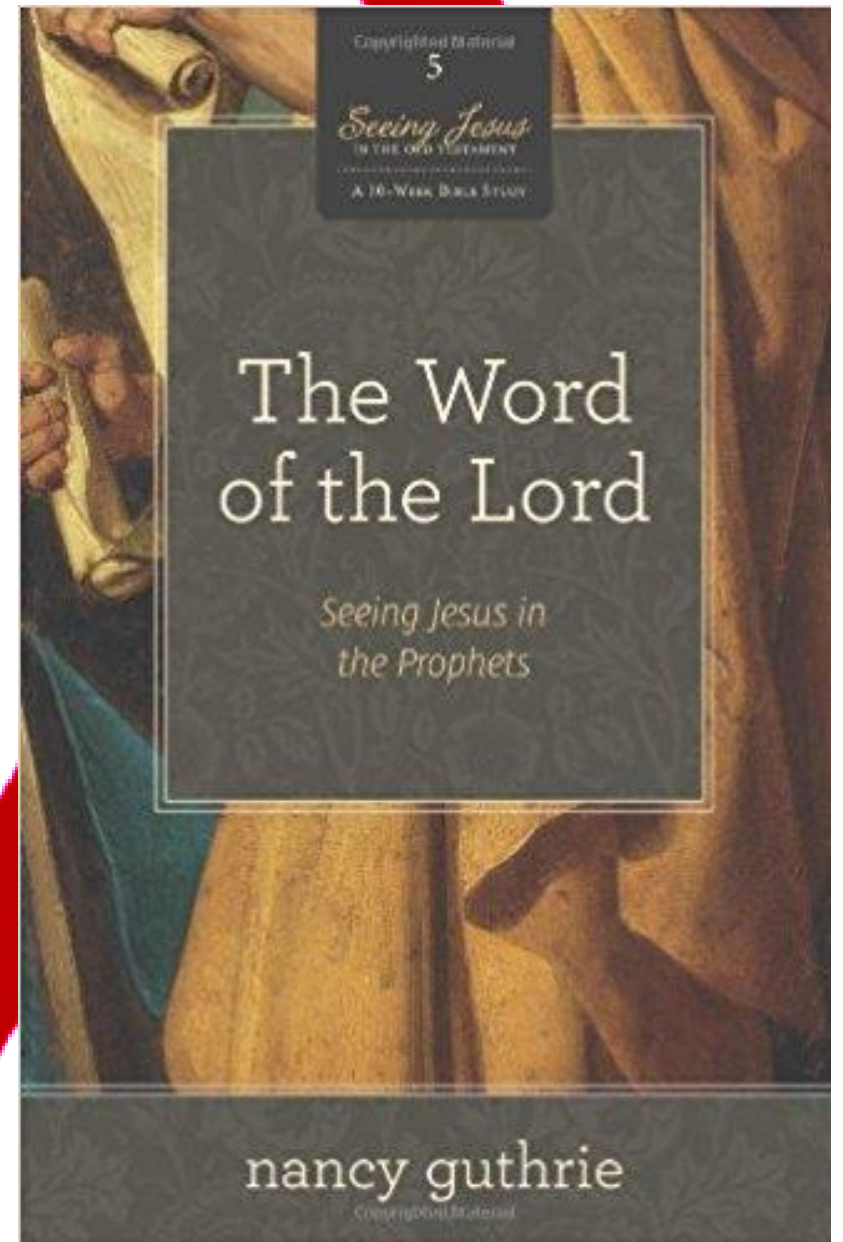


Fall Study 2017





A Matter of the Heart

Jeremiah

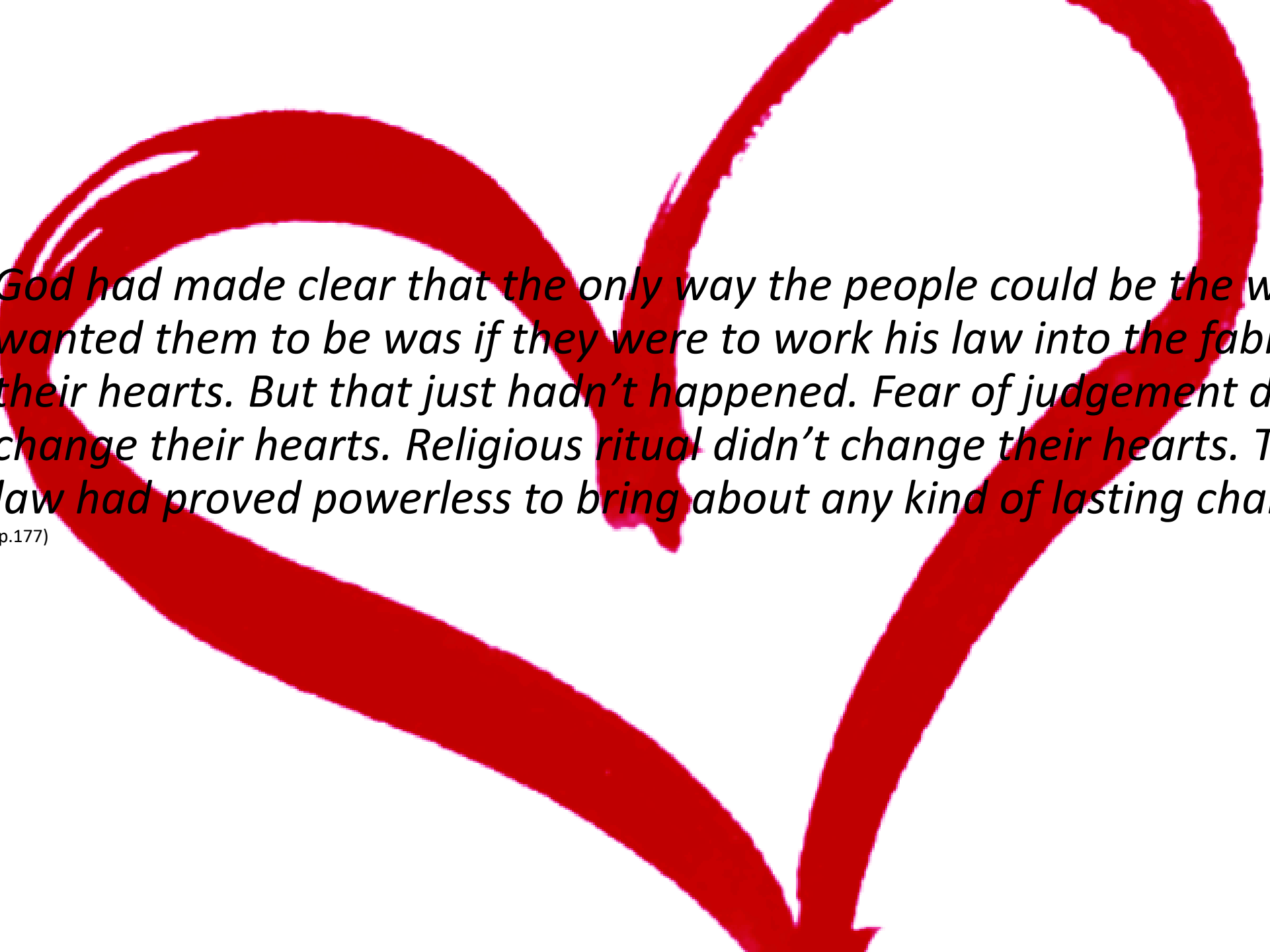
Background

- Son of the high priest, Hilkiah
- Called as a youth (1:6)
- Never married (16:1)
- Ministry from reign of Josiah through Zedekiah
- Before Babylonian exile to the Babylonian exile
- Mainly to Judah, but also Israel & other nations
- Part of his book is autobiography
- Historical background 2 Kings 22-25; 2 Chronicles 34-36
- Message Summary: 1:10 (18:7-11; 31:28; 45:4)

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- Themes from Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Hosea & the Psalms.
 - Promise of a new covenant

Engraved on our Hearts

- Traded God's glory for a lesser glory (2:11) (Romans 1:22-23)
- Seeking security & salvation somewhere other than God (2:13)
- Rebellious & determined to go own way:
 - 5:21-25
 - 6:16-17
 - 7:24
 - 9:13
 - 11:8
 - 13:8-11
 - 18:12

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- *God had made clear that the only way the people could be the way he wanted them to be was if they were to work his law into the fabric of their hearts. But that just hadn't happened. Fear of judgement didn't change their hearts. Religious ritual didn't change their hearts. The law had proved powerless to bring about any kind of lasting change.*

(p.177)

New Covenant

- Chapter 32:31,33
- Hebrews 9:11-15a