

# Jeremiah 17:9-13

The Fountain of Living Water

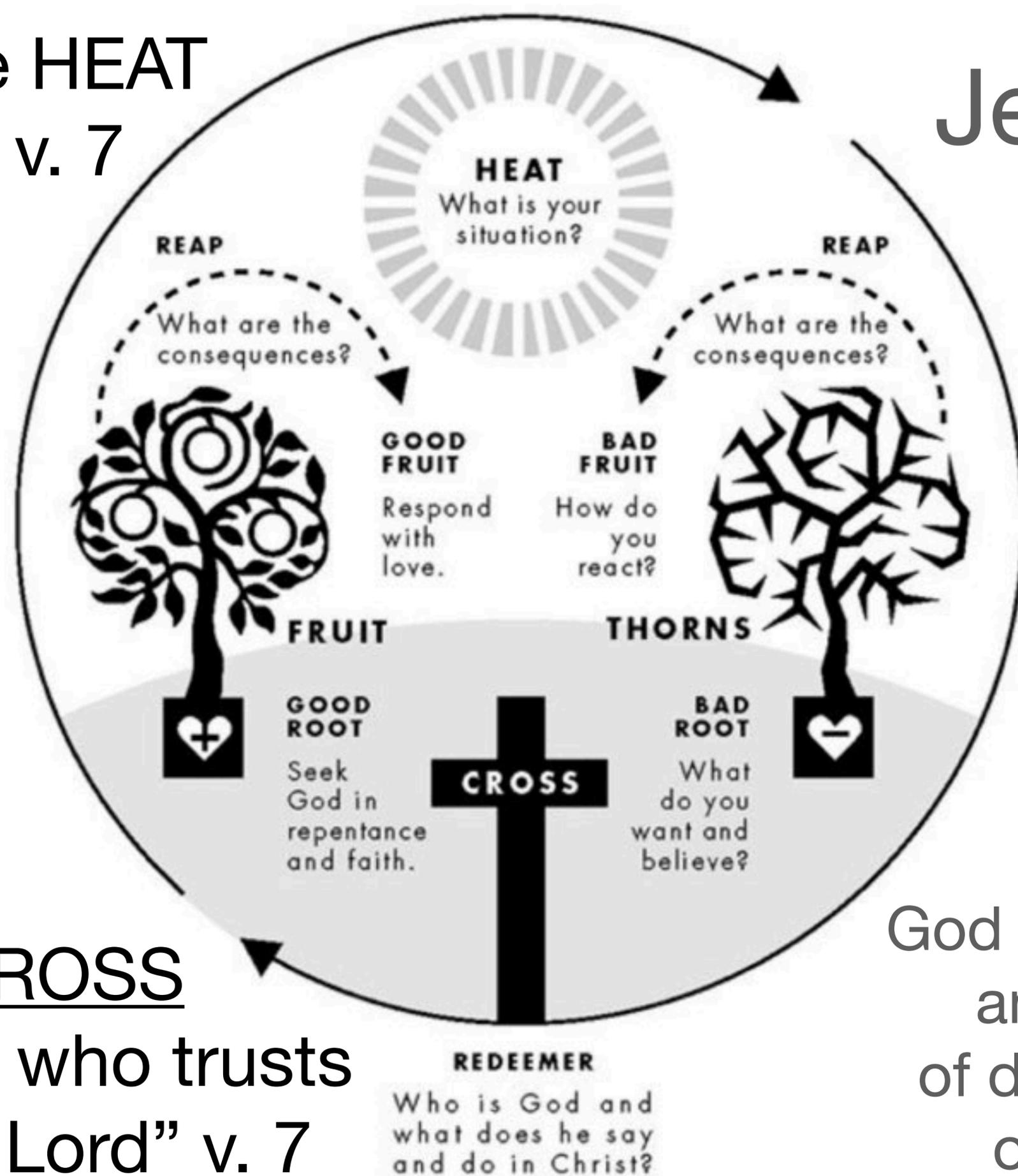
Heat - **Thorns** - Cross - Fruit

God changes us in the middle  
of the toughest challenges

“when the HEAT comes” v. 7

# Jeremiah 17

“a tree planted by the water... yield(s) FRUIT” v. 7



**THORNS**  
“a bush in the desert” v. 6

CROSS  
“a man who trusts in the Lord” v. 7

God uses the situations and relationships of daily life to change our hearts p. 81

**Jeremiah 17:9** “The heart is more deceitful than all else

And is desperately sick;

Who can understand it?

**10** “I, the Lord, search the heart,

I test the mind,

Even to give to each man according to his ways,

According to the results of his deeds.

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- Corruption of the heart is a reality at the fall, at birth & still.
- God is concerned with our heart... He knows our heart.
- Our ways & our deeds reveal our heart & what we deserve.

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## **Jeremiah 17:11**

“As a partridge that hatches eggs which it has not laid,  
So is he who makes a fortune, but unjustly;  
In the midst of his days it will forsake him,  
And in the end he will be a fool.”

- For the follower of Christ, God’s glory is our goal, not fortune.
- Acting justly, loving mercy & walking humbly with God are ways we glorify God (Micah 6:8).
- When we get loving God right, loving people will follow suit.

## Jeremiah 17:12

A glorious throne on high from the beginning  
Is the place of our sanctuary.

**13** O Lord, the hope of Israel,

All who forsake You will be put to shame.

Those who turn away on earth will be written down,  
Because they have forsaken the fountain of living water,  
even the Lord.

- Being with & living with The King is glorious.
- Our King is The Hope of Israel & The Fountain of Living Water.
- We need to run to The King, not away from Him.

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# Cross - New Identity & New Potential

Galatians 2:20 (The Redemptive Fact) I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, (The Present Reality) but Christ lives in me; (The Results for Daily Living) and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

“Christ in me,” Cross-centered living gives a purpose and direction to all our actions and words. No longer motivated by our own agenda, by God’s grace, we now want our lives to reflect what God is doing in us. We want our lives to be part of what he is doing in others’ lives. p. 153 How People Change

# The Cross and Daily Living

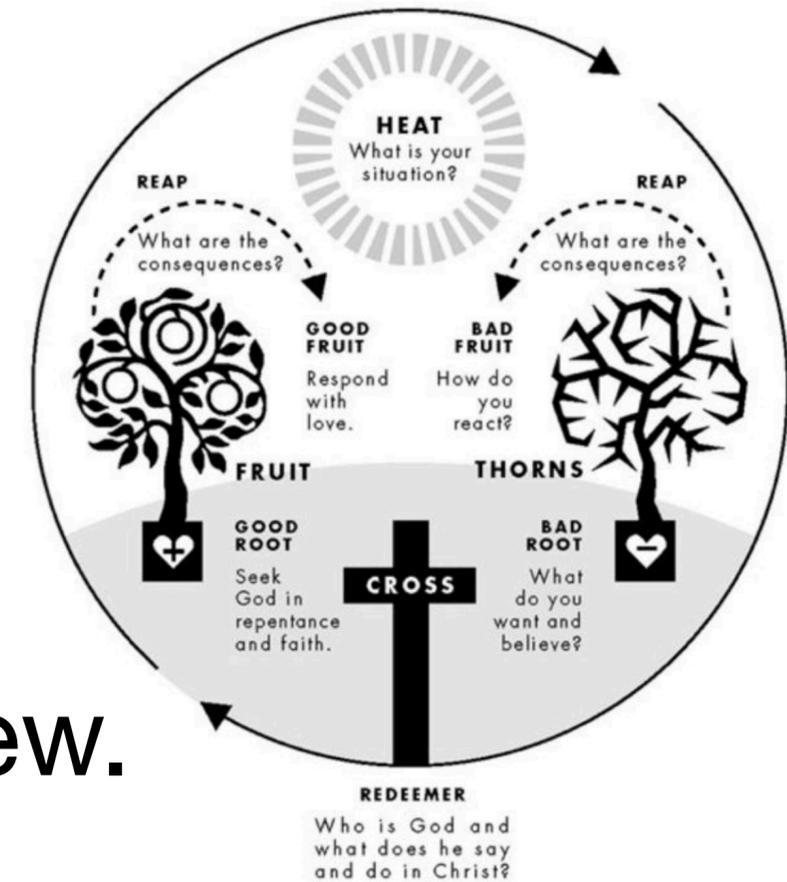
You are never to minimize your continuing need for the mercy and power of Christ in the process of becoming like him. p. 160

(Often) believers... begin the Christian life with a clear understanding of their need for Christ but quickly lose sight of how central Christ must be throughout it. p. 161

Faith keeps us laying hold of the grace and mercy of Christ & thereby avoiding despair. Repentance keeps us facing our on-going struggle with sin & thereby avoiding pride. p. 161

How People Change

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## Practical Application:

- “When you fail, keep Jesus and his work in view.
- Run to your Lord, not away from him.
- Receive his forgiveness, get back up, and follow him once more.” p. 154 How People Change
- Faith: “seeing Christ’s glory & grace & turning to him” p. 161
- Repentance: “admitting & turning from sin” p. 161