

# Jeremiah 17:14-18

## You Are My Praise

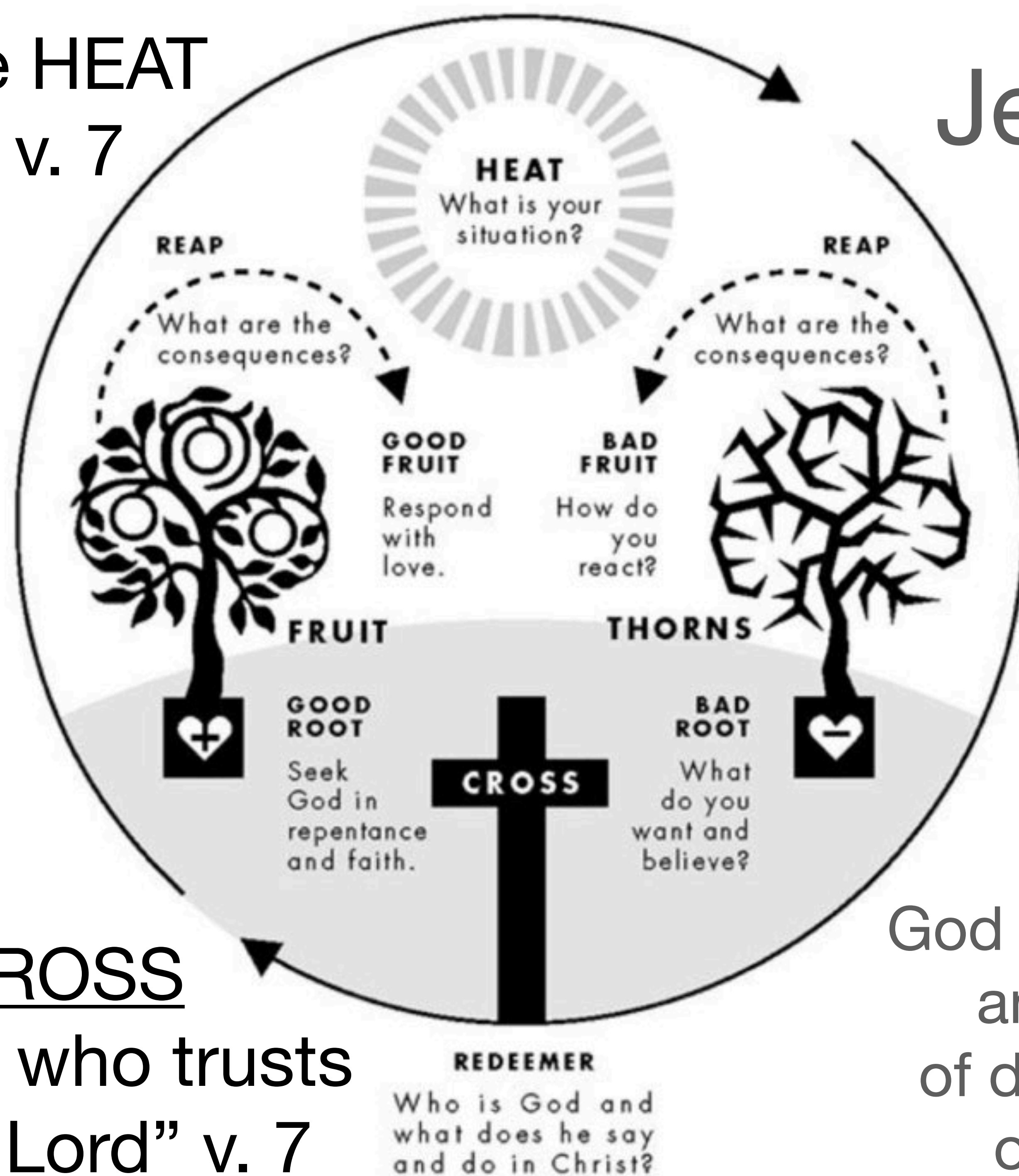
Heat - **Thorns** - Cross - Fruit

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

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## **Jeremiah 17:14**

Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed;  
Save me and I will be saved,  
For You are my praise.

- Jeremiah begins a lament here.
- We need God to heal & save our brokenness & weariness.  
(Jeremiah had been oppressed. See Jer. 20:1-6 & 38:1-13.)
- Jeremiah is looking to God for renewal & refreshment.
- The more our perspective is praising God, the more purpose, provision and power we will find “in Him.”

**Jeremiah 17:15** Look, they keep saying to me,  
“Where is the word of the Lord?  
Let it come now!”

**16** But as for me,  
I have not hurried away from being a shepherd after You,  
Nor have I longed for the woeful day;  
You Yourself know that the utterance of my lips  
Was in Your presence.

- As the people mocked Jeremiah, they mocked the Lord.
- Jeremiah paints a picture perseverance in purposeful living.
- Representing God is weighty business.
- The awareness of God’s presence points to His provision.

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**Jeremiah 17:12** Do not be a terror to me;

You are my refuge in the day of disaster.

18 Let those who persecute me be put to shame,

but as for me, let me not be put to shame;

Let them be dismayed, but let me not be dismayed.

Bring on them a day of disaster,

And crush them with twofold destruction!

- Jeremiah saw God as a refuge as people persecuted him.
- Jeremiah desired to deliver God's Word unashamedly.
- Jeremiah recognized there were consequences for those who rejected The Hope of Israel & The Fountain of Living Water.

...loving God with all our hearts. God is not content to live on the periphery of our lives... For most non-Christians (as well as many Christians), the Christian life is a matter of keeping the rules... but the Bible gives a much more redemptive picture of a believer's life. It describes the Christian life in terms of a new relationship with God that brims with hope and flows from the core of our being into our daily lives! p. 172 How People Change

My life is not determined by my upbringing, physiology, culture, emotions, or anything else! Because God has made every provision to address my most fundamental need—redemption—I can have confidence and joy that change is absolutely possible for me. My biggest problem and hindrance—my wayward, sinful heart—has been addressed! God has... given me a new one. 176

Jesus gives us new life, new wisdom, new character, new hope, new strength, new freedom, new desires... a new heart... Each time we do what is right, we are experiencing what Christ has supplied for us. (His work on the cross/The Spirit) p. 189-190

I can be committed to grow in self-understanding. I can be glad that God's Word is a mirror into my heart and that God puts people in my life to help me to see myself more accurately. I can be excited about my potential to learn, change, and grow. p. 190 ...Christ lives in us to rescue us from ourselves, so that we can be loving and gracious with one another even though we are sinners. Every time I lay aside my own desires to minister to another, I am living out the results of Christ's death on the Cross. p. 193 How People Change

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## Practical Application:

- Recognize the HEAT.
- Recognize the **THORNS**.
- Live in the CROSS (Healing & Salvation).
- Live out the privilege of praise.
- Live in the resource of The Refuge.
- Live out the fruitfulness of follow-through (glorifying behavior).

