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Devotion for November 11th, 2021

Jeremiah 23:21-40

Today's reading comes from Jeremiah 23:21-40. In this passage we hear about how God has distanced Himself from false prophets. He acknowledges that there are those claiming to be sent from Him, who are teaching what they claim He has said but in reality they are not.

As our dear Pastor Loughran often points out, nothing is new under the sun. Christians today deal with the same problems Christians faced centuries ago. We are still plagued with false prophets all around us. And unfortunately as technology has advanced, so has the ability for these false teachings to spread rapidly. In Jeremiah's time they might encounter one or two false prophets in their town in their lifetime - we can now spend ten minutes scrolling through social media and encounter a dozen different ones.

Now I promise I'm not saying "all social media is bad". I love that we have amazing ways to connect with friends and family near and far, and that when circumstances make it difficult for us to gather as the body of Christ, we are able to use this technology to stay connected. But it is vital as Christians that we guard ourselves and our families, that we actively monitor what we're engaging with and how it's causing us to think and act. What are we learning about God from the content we consume? And even more so, what are we saying about God with the things we put out there to the people who know we are Christians?

Thank goodness we are blessed with grace, even for the things we may hastily type in a Facebook comment thread. I pray that you may all be encouraged to consider how you can be on the watch for false prophets. I also pray that the Holy Spirit might use us all as witnesses of our amazing Heavenly Father who sent His Son to die for our sins and rise again to bring us new life.

To God be all the glory, always.

*God's blessings,
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