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Topic: Which Heart?

Scripture text: Jeremiah 17:5-11

- 1. The LORD is all-knowing and looks on the heart of all men. He does not refer to the physical appearance of man, but rather the seed of our mind, affections, motives and purposes behind our actions.
- 2. Men are conceived in sin after the fall of Adam, even from his mother's womb. Man's heart is absolutely deceitful and wicked from birth. Being totally depraved, his works are stained by sin, hence disqualifying him from entering heaven. The LORD condemned Israel for putting their confidence in heathen nations to deliver them from their enemies. When they depended on man, it revealed a heart that has departed from the LORD. Christians should not engage in situational ethics but to humbly submit to the Word of God. Our actions reveal the condition of our hearts.
- 3. A man's heart can only be regenerated by believing that his sins have been washed by the blood of Christ. When our hearts are regenerated, we will put our trust in God's Truth and delight in His laws. A Christian who hopes in the LORD centers his life on glorifying Him and God will grant him the grace to bear the fruit of the Spirit. The power of the gospel can be seen in the lives of those with a regenerated heart.