

When People Are Big and God Is Small

Lesson #4 "People Will Physically Hurt Me"

- Read Chapter 4 and answer the following questions from pages 51-72.

Jeremiah 17:5-8 Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD. 6 For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, In a salt land which is not inhabited. 7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

- 1) What do people who have been victimized have to be careful of?

- 2) "The Bible _____ minimizes the _____ of _____ words. It _____ them as _____ that leave _____ that can go to the deepest _____ of our being."

- 3) How did Abraham deal with his fear of the Egyptians?

- 4) What are we to do when we are prone to fearing people?

- 5) The fear of man is ...?

- 6) How does fear become so big that we forget God?

- 7) What is the biblical response to Janet's own sin?

- 8) What is sinful thinking regarding our past?

- 9) What should Janet focus on instead of focusing on repaying God for a sin that is not hers?

- 10) How must Janet view God in light of her fear of being attacked?

- 11) When do natural desires become sinful desires?

- 12) What kind of counsel must be given to those who have been sinned against?

- 13) Why is ignoring Janet's sin further victimizing her?

- 14) What is wrong with many Christian books on victimization?