

Discussion Questions for “Oh, That They Had Such a Heart That They Would Fear Me”
Jeremiah 7:21-8:3, 9:23-24
Midweek: 3-21-2019 and Shabbat: 3-23-2019

1. Discuss the connection of this teaching to the Torah Portion Tzav, Leviticus 6:1-8:36.
2. Discuss the similarities, as well as the differences of situation in this Haftarah reading with other times in Israel’s history where the people disobeyed and turned to idolatry.
3. Jeremiah 7:29 at first reading may seem oddly out of place in Jeremiah’s admonition of the people. How should the people have understood this verse? What does it mean to “Cut off your hair and cast it away?”

4. Jeremiah describes a devastation and destruction of Jerusalem in this Haftarah. How does this description compare with other prophets? How does it apply to prophesy yet to be fulfilled?
5. In what were the people boasting in this Haftarah? How does this relate to Paul's teaching about boasting?
6. What new insight did you gain by watching this video? How do you respond to this new insight? How will you realign your life based on this new understanding?

Extra Credit: In the Ephesians 2:8-10 quoted at the end of this teaching, what specifically was Paul referring to by the "good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them?"