

Devotional | Week 1, Day 3

Like a partridge that hatches eggs she has not laid, so are those who get their wealth by unjust means.

At midlife they will lose their riches;

in the end, they will become poor old fools.

But we worship at your throne—eternal, high, and glorious!

O LORD, the hope of Israel,

all who turn away from you will be disgraced.

They will be buried in the dust of the earth,

for they have abandoned the LORD, the fountain of living water.

O LORD, if you heal me, I will be truly healed;

if you save me, I will be truly saved.

My praises are for you alone!

People scoff at me and say,

"What is this 'message from the LORD' you talk about?

Why don't your predictions come true?"

LORD, I have not abandoned my job

as a shepherd for your people.

I have not urged you to send disaster.

You have heard everything I've said.

LORD, don't terrorize me!

You alone are my hope in the day of disaster.

Bring shame and dismay on all who persecute me,

but don't let me experience shame and dismay.

Bring a day of terror on them.

Yes, bring double destruction upon them!

Jeremiah 17:11-18

At The Ridge, our mission is to help people find and follow Jesus. As you read the next portion of this devotional, consider the FIND comments if you if you are exploring faith or helping others explore their faith. Use the FOLLOW section to help you take steps if you are currently following Jesus.

FIND: Do you believe God can truly heal you and save you?

<u>FOLLOW:</u> By living in the new covenant of Jesus, we no longer are supposed to bring harm to our enemies as stated in today's reading. Instead we are called to love our enemies (Matthew 5:43-44). How do you need to show more love to the people in your life you don't get along with?