

# Deep Roots

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Jeremiah 17:5

This is what the LORD says:

Cursed is the one who trusts in man,  
**who draws strength** from mere flesh  
and **whose heart turns away** from the LORD.

As we look at the message this morning, I want you to keep in your mind the term, **Deep Roots**. We all have Deep Roots in something. The Bible clearly states that it is a curse to trust in man. This is making a contrast between dependence on man versus dependence on God. This verse identifies a person “who draws strength” from human wisdom. Warning: Deep Roots in human wisdom “turns our heart away” from trusting in the LORD! This is embracing the wisdom man has to offer instead of the wisdom God has to offer. **From our Roots we get nourishment and that nourishment comes from what we trust.** Therefore, **Deep Roots** from trusting in man’s wisdom will leave us ultimately dry, stunted, and starved.

Jeremiah 17:6

That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;  
**they will not see prosperity when it comes.**

Where one depends on man, **not only is he dry, stunted, and starved, he will not see the prosperity of the Lord when it comes.** **This explains a lot.** How often do we hear, or do we say, I don’t see God working like HE did in the Bible? **What is interesting here, is that prosperity or blessing does come, we just don’t see it.**

However, the one who trusts in the LORD has DEEP ROOTS in the things of God. HE is solid, nourished, and growing able to see the prosperity of the Lord when it does come.

Jeremiah 17:7

But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.

**Deep Roots** produce Trust and Confidence! **Deep Roots** belong to those who stand strong in the horrendous desert heat, wind, and drought. They stand strong because they draw nourishment from the deep things of the Lord. Fruit comes forth because of their **Roots are Deep.**

Jeremiah 17:8

They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.

**It does not fear when heat comes.**

**It has no worries in a year of drought!**

**Deep Roots: We do not fear when heat comes.** We are firmly “planted” in the Lord from which we draw nourishment.

**Whether in the world or in the Lord, Our Roots Run Deep.**

Have you ever tried to kill the Dandelion’s in your yard? It is almost impossible. Did you know a Dandelion’s roots are up to 15 feet deep! Like Dandelions we have Deep Roots! **Our roots can be deep in the world or deep in the Lord.** **Our roots are so deep, we ourselves don’t even understand the depths of our own actions.**

**This also means we truly do not know the depth of our sin or selfishness.**

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

**Because our Roots are so Deep, only God can reach the depths of our heart's corruption.**

Jeremiah 17:10

I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind.

**Therefore, God searches our heart, our Root system. Then God works aggressively to purify our hearts, our Root System. The purification takes time because our Roots go Deep. Thus, comes a great lesson in the Christian life, "Heat reveals our roots!"**

1 Peter 1:6–7 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup>You have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**Testing or when heat comes, are occasions when God refines and purifies our hearts and develops Deep Roots in HIM and HIM alone. God clearly tells us:**

Isaiah 48:10 (ESV)

I have tried you in the furnace of affliction.

**The trials burn away any impurities in the believer's faith. The trials expose our Root System! God uses trials to develop Deep Roots in HIM so HE can carry out the plans HE has for us**

Jeremiah 29:11-12

<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

**Today in times like these, reveal our Root System! God has great plans for us! However, to embrace the plan God has for us, we have to receive the free gift God has for us through Jesus!**

Ephesians 2:8–10 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; **it is the gift of God,** <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> **WE ARE HIS** workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, **which God prepared beforehand,** that we should walk in them.

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