

## Sermon Notes – November 11, 2018

### From Delicacies to Desolation: Mission Accomplished (*Lamentations 4*)

I Peter 4:17: “For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?”

4 Principles of God’s judgment:

- I. Desperate People Do Desperate Things.
  - A. Cruelty becomes rampant.
  - B. Neglect the needs of the young becomes normal. (ostrich)
  - C. Selfishness rules.
  
- II. Prolonged Rejection of God Brings Prolonged Judgment.
  - A. Forty years of ignoring Jeremiah brought 18 months of Nebuchadnezzar’s siege.
  - B. Rejection of God is a greater sin than sodomy. (6)
  - C. God’s wrath is always complete. (11, 22)
  
- III. Rotten Leadership Leads to Spiritual Desolation.
  - A. Overconfident pride leads to total destruction.
  - B. False messages come from false visions. (2:14)
  - C. Hypocritical lives result in loss of respect.
  
- IV. God’s Judgment is Designed to Lead to God’s Grace. (22)
  - A. Punishment will be complete.
  - B. Repentance will be expected.
  - C. Exile from God will have a limit.