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Jeremiah 3:21?4:4

In the days of Jeremiah, the people of Israel had gone down such a destructive path, that punishment was inevitable. Yet while preaching words of judgment for their idolatry, Jeremiah is also offering God's words of hope. God is a God of judgment and justice, but he also works toward redemption.

Israel lived in a cycle of judgment and reconciliation because God values willing obedience. God could have forced Israel into obedience. Instead, he gave them freedom to choose. Neither did he force reconciliation. It was a choice. God is the same today. While we may be "given over" to our own wishes and desires?it is our choice whether or not to be obedient. However, rejection of God will not be free of consequence. We can be sure, though, that no matter what happens, no matter the consequence, God will always be waiting to reconcile with us. And there is no one among all of God's creation for whom that is not possible.

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