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The Everlasting Joy of an Everlasting Covenant

Jeremiah 32

32:1–5 *Jerusalem besieged for its sin; Jeremiah imprisoned for his preaching*

32:6–15 *Jeremiah purchases land behind enemy lines and preserves the deeds in obedience to the word of the LORD*

32:16–25 *Jeremiah's prayer of praise and lament*

32:26–44 *The LORD's response to Jeremiah's prayer: confirmation of just judgment; promise of restoration through a new, everlasting covenant to do his people good*

Jeremiah 32:36–41

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38 “And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. 39 I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. 40 I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. 41 I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul.”

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“And they entered and took possession of it. But they did not obey your voice or walk in your law. They did nothing of all you commanded them to do. Therefore you have made all this disaster come upon them.”

(Jer 32:23)

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29 “The Chaldeans who are fighting against this city shall come and set this city on fire and burn it, with the houses on whose roofs offerings have been made to Baal...³⁰ For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have done nothing but evil in my sight from their youth. The children of Israel have done nothing but provoke me to anger by the work of their hands...³¹ This city has aroused my anger and wrath, from the day it was built to this day...”

(Jer 32:29–31)

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³² “...because of all the evil of the children of Israel ...that they did to provoke me to anger—their kings and their officials, their priests and their prophets, the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem....³⁴ They set up their abominations in the house that is called by my name, to defile it. ³⁵ They built the high places of Baal in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to offer up their sons and daughters to Molech, though I did not command them, nor did it enter into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.” (Jer 32:32–35)

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“They have turned to me their back and not their face. And though I have taught them persistently, they have not listened to receive instruction.”

(Jer 32:23)

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¹ “And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you... ³ then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you....”

(Deut 30:1, 3)

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¹¹ “For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off....

¹⁴ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.”

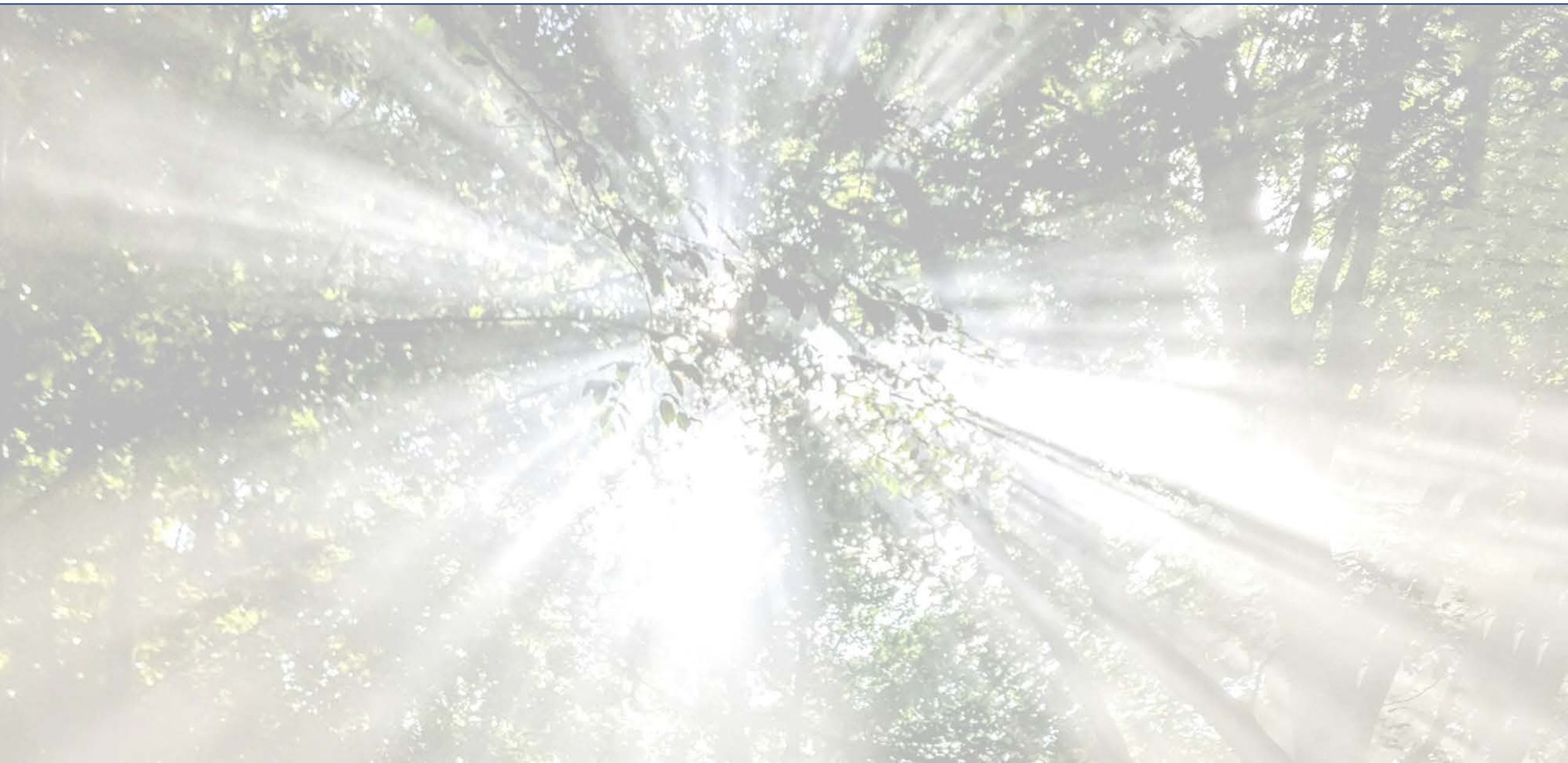
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(Jer 32:40)

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***“...the trembling ‘fear of God’
is a way of speaking about
the intensity of the saints’ love for
and enjoyment of all that God is.”***

—Michael Reeves, *Rejoice and Tremble*, p. 52

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God is great so I don't have to *be in control*.

God is glorious so I don't have to *fear*.

God is good so I don't have to *look elsewhere to be satisfied*.

God is gracious so I don't have to *prove myself*.

—Tim Chester, *You Can Change*

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**“...and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.”**

(Isa 62:5b)

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