



***COMPETING***

*WITH*

***HORSES***

Jeremiah 12:5

# FOCUS ON YOURSELF

- God consistently turns our focus on our own behavior.
- It is certainly true when we are looking with judgment upon others (Matt. 7:1-5).
- But it is also true when we come before God as the righteous (Job 40:1-8; 1 Kgs. 19:15-17; Jn. 21:18-22).

# SERVICE GETS HARDER

- Even though things are bad, God tells Jeremiah that he is in the land of peace (v. 5).
- Are we behaving like things will get worse?
- As things do get worse, don't be fooled by false allies (v. 6; Jas. 2:19; Lk. 4:33-35).
- Faithful service leads to harder service (Acts 9:14-16).

# THINK ABOUT GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

- God shows us what their behavior looks like from His standpoint (v. 7-8).
- On the one hand, we must keep in mind that God has a much greater right to indignation than we do (1 Sam. 8:7).
- On the other hand, we must recognize His consistent compassion toward the lost even as He is angered by their sin (Lk. 9:53-56).