

Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵Thus says the LORD, “Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength, and whose **heart** turns away from the LORD.



⁶ For he will be **like a bush in the desert** and will not see when prosperity comes, but will live in **stony wastes in the wilderness,** **a land of salt without inhabitant.**



⁷ Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD and whose trust is the LORD.



⁸ For he will be like **a tree planted by the water,** that **extends its roots by a stream** and **will not fear** when the **heat** comes; but **its leaves will be green,** and it **will not be anxious in a year of drought nor cease to yield fruit.**



⁹ The **heart** is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?

¹⁰ **I, the LORD,** search the heart, I test the mind...

