

Sermons  
Old Testament  
Jeremiah  
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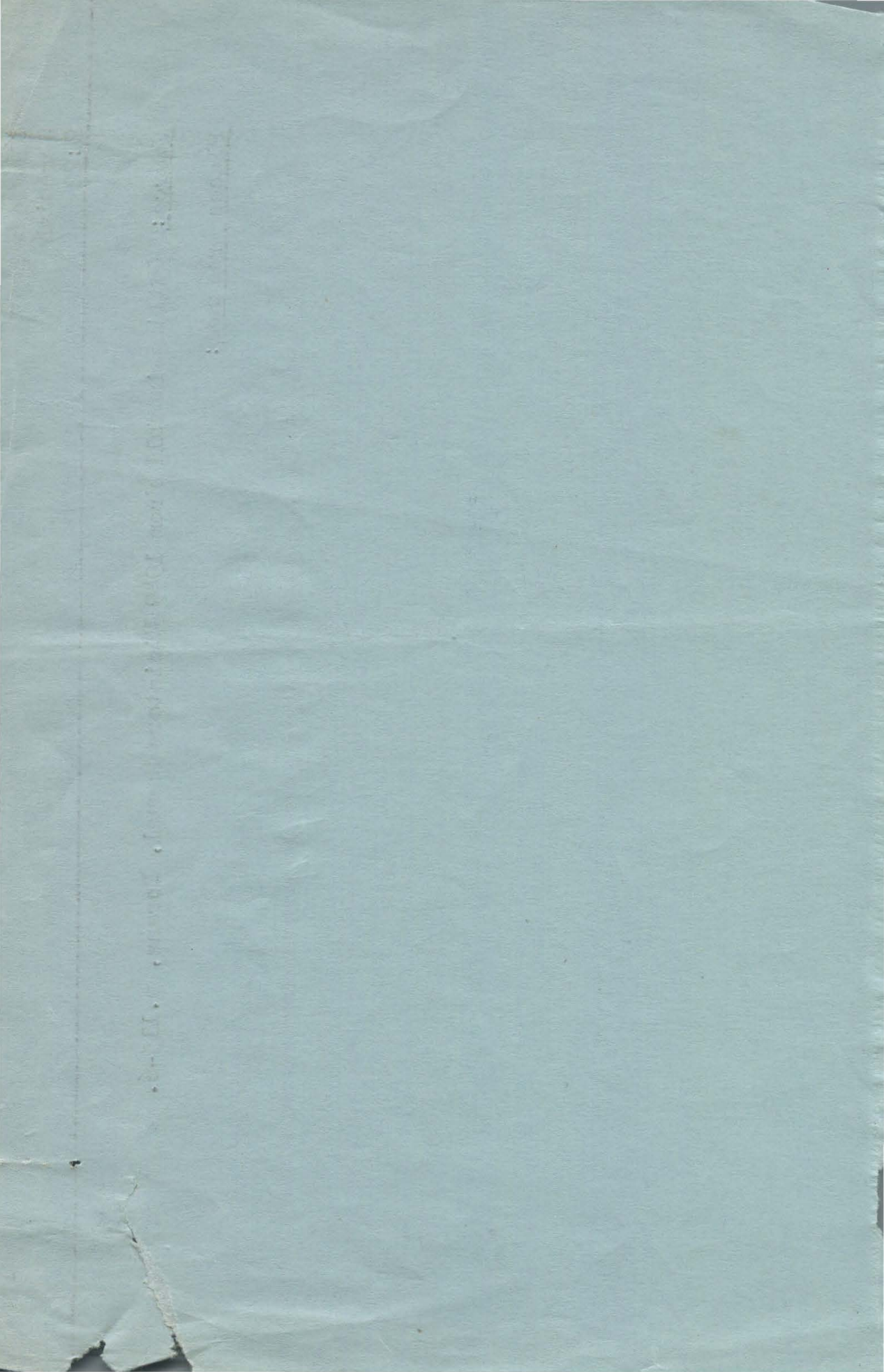
- ~~The~~ Balm of Gilead, the

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6. -- "Is there no balm in Gilead? is  
physician there? why then is not the health  
daughter of my people recovered?"

### Introduction:

1. The writer of this passage was lamenting over the broken, pitiful condition of his people and land. He was probably writing at a period when they were in captivity to another occupying power, and were heavily oppressed. In that case -- and the evidence seems to bear out that that was the case -- the text is a very real plea or complaint.

2. The baslm tree is a little shrub. It spreads much like a vine. It is medicinal. It is a balm tree, a salving tree, a saving tree.

3. "Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there?" The prophets allegorically were called phystians, as the word of God is often today called a balm. The balm of Gilead represents a cure for diseased souls.

### I. Men are universally in a diseased state.

1. Atheism, infidelity, unbelief are all names for one disease.

There is a story of Voltaire, the French writer accused at times of being atheistic, that in the midst of an atheistic discussion with some of his friends he got up and shot the door into the room where his valet was, saying as he did so that he did not want his valet to cut his throat. If all the declarations of avowed atheists and infidels, and their more dangerous allies who wear the garb of religion, were taken seriously, there would be a vast amount of throat cutting, for there would be no fear of eternal justice to deter.

2. Ignorance of God and the Gospel truth are further diseases of men.

3. Hardness of heart.

4. Hypocrisy.

5. Trust in one's own righteousness.

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There is a Physician who can heal all diseases.

1. He is infinite in knowledge, understanding all diseases and their proper remedies.

2. He has sovereign authority and almighty power. He can command all diseases.

3. He has infinite pity and is always ready to help.

III. The remedy which he applies to effect the cure.

1. The lifeblood of Christ -- transfusion.

2. The operations of the Holy Spirit of God acting upon the soul.

3. The Word and ordinances of Christ.

4. The prayers and influence of earnest Christians.

IV. His method of applying the remedy.

1. He makes sin-sick souls sensible that they are sick.

2. He works faith in them by his Holy Spirit.

V. Why are so few healed notwithstanding there is balm in Gilead and a Physician there?

1. Many are ignorant of their disease, some willfully so.

2. Many are in love with their disease more than with their Physician.

3. Many neglect the season of healing.

4. Many will not submit to the prescriptions of Christ, the Physician.

Conclusion: Just as most physical diseases are of great danger to the body, so are those diseases in these manners in great danger. The balm of Gilead is offered freely in the Gospel. Be healed today.

