

Jeremiah 42-44 • Seeking God's Counsel

1. (42:1-6) They not only want to know what God wants them to **do**, but how they should **walk**.
2. (42:7-8) God's answer is framed according to their personal **choice**.
3. (42:19-22) Jeremiah's observation is they have **never** previously made the right **choice**.
4. (43:1-7) As with the history of all their previous **choices**, they follow what goes along with their own **feelings** and **opinions**. This is known as "**self-deception**".
5. (44:11-19) The root of their "**self-deception**" was their assumption that **prosperity** and **abundance** is the sign of a right relationship with God instead of a right **heart** in spite of the circumstances.
6. **Overall:** (1 Sam. 15:22; Rom. 12:1-2) There is no substitute for **obedience**, without which it is impossible to know and follow God's **will**.