

Treasury of Christian Literature

Day and Time: Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM ET

Teacher: Dave Shields

Class Size: No limit

Book: *Maturity with God: Lessons from the Life of Jeremiah*, by Rex Beck

From the book's Introduction: "Jeremiah's growth story is a journey from knowing God in context of a temporary, earthly, fading Old Covenant to knowing Him in the context of an eternal, heavenly, unfading New Covenant. Such a journey is the most poetic life any person can live. Jeremiah's journey involves God's calling, the setting of Judah in the 40 years before the temple's end, Jeremiah's complaints, finding out God's intention for his own time, simplifying his outlook, aligning his feelings with God's, and eventually seeing God at a deeper, clearer, more profound level."

Each student is expected to obtain a copy of the book before the first class. It is available from Amazon in both paperback and Kindle form [HERE](#).

Syllabus:

- The first week will cover our introductions, goals, class requirements, homework expectations, and any questions.
- Each week thereafter, specific chapters will be assigned for our reading, homework, and group discussion in the following class.

Class Structure:

- Most of the class time will be used for mutual discussion, led by the instructor, over the week's reading assignment. Everyone should come on time with their Zoom camera turned on, prepared to speak up and volunteer something profitable. Students who do not volunteer will be called on. No one will be left out.

Homework:

- Reading: Each student is expected to read the week's assigned chapters and attend class ready to discuss the material.

- Blog Post: This will be explained in the first class. Each student will post something about that week's reading assignment on the class blog located at Christian-Lit.mystrikingly.com. Posts could be about what you especially enjoyed, how something changed your understanding, or how you applied or experienced something from the book.
 - Be specific. Do not post something general like, "I really liked it."
 - Feel free to read other's posts and, if inspired, give an encouraging reply or a thoughtful answer to a question.
 - All posts should be kept positive to maintain an atmosphere in which everyone can participate. The blog is intended to become an avenue of edifying fellowship among us between classes.