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## Where Shall We Go?

### Jeremiah 31:3, 15: 1-12, 17 & 48 NIV

Jeremiah is an anointed prophet who prophesies the words of God to the people of Israel. Israel has turned from following God and they are being punished. An angry God tells Jeremiah to tell the people, (v 2) "Those destined for death, to death; those for the sword, to the sword; those for starvation, to starvation; those for captivity, to captivity." (v6) "You have rejected me, declares the Lord. You keep on backsliding. So I will lay hands on you and destroy you;"

Today, we ask the same question that the Israelites asked God, Where shall we go? This question is an insult to God because we all know the answer and we know exactly where we should go. In many cases we are turning our backs to Jesus. I'm recently retired and it has become easy for me to sit in front of the TV and watch Andy Griffith or Gunsmoke. It is easy for me to spend our money on eating out and taking trips. I know this is supposed to be retirement but I am not retired from Jesus and His work. I've asked that question, "Where Shall I Go?" And many times the same answer keeps coming back to me. The answer is obvious; the only place I need to go is to the Lord

Remember the popular song written by James B. Coats,  
*"Where Could I Go But To the Lord"*

*Living below in this old sinful world  
Hardly a comfort can afford  
Striving alone to face temptation so  
Now won't you tell me  
Where could I go*

*Oh, where could I go  
Seeking a refuge for my soul  
Needing a friend to help me in the end  
Brother won't you tell me  
Where could I go but to the Lord*

So, when you have any thoughts about where do you go now, the answer should be obvious...GO TO THE LORD!

**Prayer:** Father, please help each of us to ask the question: Where shall we go? And may the answer be to come to the Lord. Thank you for calling me to come to you. Amen

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