

Chapters 18 – 20

Some officials decided to get rid of Jeremiah.
They did not want to listen to his message any more.
"Come on," they said, "let us make a case against him."

Jeremiah prayed to God:
"Lord, you know that people are plotting against me.
Please help me and keep me safe."

One of the Temple priests had Jeremiah beaten
and put in stocks for a day near the Temple.

Again Jeremiah prayed to God:
"You have seduced me, Lord.
You have told me to proclaim
a harsh message for the people.

This has made me a laughing-stock.
Being your messenger has caused me insult
all the day long.

At one stage I even thought of not speaking your message
any more. But then I felt a fire burning in my heart.

I could not stop thinking of you.
I just had to speak your message."

Lord, please increase my love for you.
Please give me more courage to speak your message
to my family, friends and people I meet